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CHARLES COLE SWORN IN AS TOWN'S FIRST AFRICAN-AMERICAN MAYOR

Historical council assumes leadership in New Brockton

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

On Monday evening, in New Brockton, history was made as its first African-American mayor took office.

Before a standing-room-only crowd (more than 150 people inside with more on the outside) in the Senior Citizens Center, Mayor-elect Charles Cole, along with other members of the council, was sworn in by the town's attorney, Joe Sawyer.

After the oath-of-office was administered, Mayor Cole asked each of the council members to introduce themselves to the audience. The new members consisted of District 1 representative John Herron, and Jody Stuckey, who represents District 3. Returning council members were: Rodger Harrison representing District 2, Ricky Strickland representing District 4, and Councilman Ron McMonagle representing District 5.

"It is with honor and much respect and humility that I accept the charge of ushering this great

city into a new age of leadership," said Mayor Cole. "Leadership based on integrity, community pride and the initiative to take the necessary strides to bring about positive development."

The mayor concluded his brief outline of some of the goals that he, along with the council hopes to attain, by saying, "We must work together. I intend to be a mayor for ALL the people. There will be times when there will have to be some tough decisions made. I assure you I will make them. If I make a mistake, I'll apologize, accept the criticism and go on." He challenged the members of the council to "give their absolute best."

With a rather lengthy agenda ahead of them, the council wasted little time attending to matters that had to be addressed in order for the town's business to proceed without interruption. The large crowd on hand patiently and attentively observed the new council in action.

The new mayor sped up the process by grouping several items on the agenda together, thus reduc-

ing the time needed to complete the agenda.

The first order of business was the election, by the council, of Rodger Harrison as the mayor pro tem. They also set the meeting time of the council as the first Monday of each month at 7 p.m. The council adopted the Roberts' Rules of Order and named City Clerk Annette Harrison as parliamentarian. "She's the one who keeps us straight anyway," commented Mayor Cole.

The following council committee appointments were made by the mayor and approved by the council. They were: Ricky Strickland - fire protection; Jody Stuckey - rescue; Mayor Cole - police and street departments; John Herron - zoning & building inspector; Rodger Harrison along with Jody Stuckey and J. C. McKenzie - parks, recreation & beautification; Mayor Cole, John Herron and James Driskell - planning commission; Mayor Cole, Rodger Harrison and Jody Stuckey - water board; Ron McMonagle, Ricky Strickland and Mayor Cole - senior citizens center; and Ron



Picture above (l-r): Councilman John Herron, Councilman Rodger Harrison, Mayor Charles Cole, Councilman Ricky Strickland, Councilman Jody Stuckey, and Councilman Ron McMonagle.

McMonagle, Rodger Harrison, Mayor Cole, and James Driskell (chairman) - public relations and advisory board. Also, the mayor asked that council members from districts 1, 3, 4 & 5 to be prepared to name three members to this board at the next meeting.

All administrative personnel of the town were temporarily reappointed to their respective positions pending review and permanent appointments to be made in the near future.

Assistant Police Chief Kent Reynolds gave a report of the past month. He stated that officers issued 28 traffic citations, investigated three automobile accidents, and 34 other incidents. The fire department responded to one house fire, one grass fire and two automobile fires. Animal control collected

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OCTOBER

Elba's new city council takes over



Pictured above (l-r) are: Councilman L. M. Burch, Councilman David Bandstra, Mayor James E. Grimes, Councilman H. H. Junior Culver, Councilman Harold Spicer, and Councilman Ronnie Hammond.

Elba City Council makes board appointments

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Mayor and City Council members were sworn into office Monday morning at 9:00 a.m. Guests were treated to refreshments following the ceremonies in which Circuit Judge Tom Head administered the Oath of Office, first to returning Mayor James Grimes and then to the four new city council members and lone returning member, Ronnie Hammond.

Mayor Grimes told the assembled group of plans to move forward with the 4-laning of U.S. Highway 84, the levee repair and rehab, the new post office building, resurfacing of city streets (a high priority) many of which were resurfaced during the major sewer renovation just

winding up in town, more aggressive community clean-up and getting the fiber optic cable project underway (scheduled for May, 2001).

He added that all this could be accomplished with all members working together. Monday evening the group held its organizational meeting, adopted operating procedures and assigned members to various responsibilities.

Ronnie Hammond was again named to serve as Mayor Pro Tem, presiding in the absence of the mayor otherwise acting in his absence.

Serving on the Water and Electric board will be Councilmen Hammond, David Bandstra and L. M. Burch.

Junior Culver was named to the

Elba Planning & Zoning Board and to the S. E. Alabama Gas Board. The council named R. W. Whitworth to continue serving as Police Chief, Don Morrow to continue as City Clerk, Billy Meek to continue as Street Superintendent and Jeff Kelley remains as City Attorney.

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Congress OK's \$2 million for levees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Congressman Terry Everett and Senator Richard Shelby announced last week the approval of \$2 million in levee rehabilitation funding for the cities of Elba and Geneva. The levee funding was included in the conference report for the 2001 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Act. \$1.5 million will go on the Elba levee project and \$500,000 will be used to begin the design work on the Geneva levee.

The Elba levee rehab design work is completed and the project is ready to move into phase two, which is acquiring right of way, permits and advertising for bids. Representatives for the Corps of Engineers told Congress last week that the \$1.5 million is all they would be able to spend on the Elba levee work in the 2001 fiscal year. Congress funded the beginning work and assured the Corps that additional funds would be made available as needed in the next budget.

Also the \$500,000 is all that can

be reasonably expected to be needed for the design work on the Geneva levee during the 2001 fiscal year, said Corps representatives.

"I am pleased to announce that one of the last hurdles to approval of these vital funds for Elba and Geneva has finally been crossed," Everett said.

"Congress authorized funding for the levee rehabilitation work last year, but funds were not appropriated until this year," Everett said. "I have worked with the Alabama congressional delegation over the last 12 months to ensure that the levee funds would be appropriated so that this important design and construction work could move forward and residents of both cities could finally breathe a little easier."

"Most importantly," Everett added, "this funding approval signals that the levee construction projects are now a federal priority and as such should continue to receive the necessary annual funding to progress."

Shelby added to Everett's comments and said "This initial funding will allow the Army Corps of Engineers to begin efforts on these important flood control projects. As a member of the Senate Appropriations committee, I am going to continue to work to secure full funding for the levee construction projects this year."

Elba Mayor James Grimes said he will keep working closely with

the Corps to ensure that everything continues to move forward on the levee rehab. He expressed his gratitude to the Washington delegation for their dedicated efforts in acquiring funding for this vital project. Grimes noted that the \$12.7 million project is a 65% to 35% matching project and for the completed project to become a reality, Elba officials will be depending heavily on State Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer and particularly on Alabama Governor Don Siegelman to help with the millions needed to match the federal funds.

Grimes said the City of Elba is continually experiencing some expenses on preparing for the levee rehab project and is keeping careful documentation in order to use these expenses as "in-kind" match rather than committing additional cash expenditures. He estimates that Elba already has an infusion of about \$1,000,000 of local in-kind services in the levee rehab project, all of which will count on the local matching portion of the overall cost.

The Corps of Engineers has spent an estimated \$400,000 in federal funds on the design work on the Elba levee. That is in addition to the \$100,000 furnished by the Choctawhatchee, Pea, Yellow Rivers Watershed Authority that was used to do the initial survey on the existing levee.

Opp man charged in Elba shooting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

An Opp man has been arrested in connection with a shooting that occurred in Elba last week in the Mulberry Community.

Otis Lavaughn Daniels, 22, of 109 Church Street, Opp, AL, has been arrested and charged with discharging a firearm into an occupied vehicle.

According to Johnny P. Senn, an investigator with the Elba Police Department, on Friday, September 29, it was reported to police that a shooting had occurred at the intersection of Martin Luther King Drive and Lee Street.

Officers responding to the call found that a vehicle occupied by Taydon Martin and Loretta Smith, both of 729 Lee Street had been fired upon. Martin was the driver of

the vehicle and Smith was a passenger. Investigator Senn said that no one was injured during the altercation.

The investigation into the matter revealed that Daniels was a suspect in the shooting. On Monday afternoon, Daniels was located in Crenshaw County, taken into custody and returned to Elba where he was charged with the Class B felony. He was placed in the Coffee County Jail under a \$20,000 bond.

Further investigation into the matter by authorities revealed that the confrontation apparently stemmed from a shirt that was taken from another individual.

Investigator Senn stated that the matter is still under investigation with assistance from the Opp and Laverne police departments.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

There is good news for those of us worrying about the need for federal funds to repair and build up the Elba levee. The U. S. House and Senate voted last week in conference committee to approve \$1.5 million "seed money" in the 2001 fiscal year for Elba levee work. That is a far cry from what is needed but according to officials at the Corps of Engineers, that is all they can spend during the fiscal year. It will be used to acquire right-of-way property, permits, etc. They can even go ahead and advertise for contractors and let a bid because of the verbal assurances from the feds that the balance of the necessary funds will be forthcoming in the next budget. Geneva will get the \$500,000 needed to do the design work and get their levee project to the point Elba's is today. Our entire congressional delegation needs a pat on the back for this effort. Personally we got the most phone calls in the last two weeks from either Representative Terry Everett or a member of his staff. Over the long haul, however, we must still look to Senator Richard Shelby and his staff, because our congressional delegation agreed for his office and staff to be in the lead on this much needed project . . . and lead they did!

The Elba City Council voted Monday night to take a more formal approach in their appearance. The council members will wear coats and ties at all future meetings. The entire American society has been in a dress down casual mode for several years now, but we are seeing signs that the fashion designers are beginning to get that trend turned around. Maybe the decision Monday night just happened or maybe the New York fashion designers are having a quiet and early influence on the Elba city officials. Whichever is correct, look for your city officials to be wearing their coats and ties as they sit behind the counter, talk into those fancy mikes and make the sometimes almost life and death decisions over our collective business.

Hennietta Grimes had a birthday one day last week. . . . (Number 29 we think - she didn't say). Anyway, we were honored with an invite to share a huge pot of delicious homemade soup she made to celebrate the occasion. Now, Hennietta is known for being a good cook and this big pot of soup was no exception. The down side for all of us food lovers, and the reason we think this was birthday #29, is that she announced that even though she wants and expects a whole bunch more birthdays, there will be no more discussing nor celebrating the events.

By the time you are reading this, the first much publicized presidential debate will be over and it will be time for the news commentators to hammer at the strong and/or weak points of the respective candidates. It happened most glaringly several years ago when Gerald Ford uttered a no-no about Poland and the news media folks hammered away at that until our regular grunts began to believe he was so much dumber than us that we voted against him in wholesale lots. This year there will be more mistakes by both sides. Our friends (and peers) in the media will pick one mistake as the most laughable and descend on the hapless candidate who uttered it like buzzards to roost kill on a hot summer morning.

Oh, it will not be watching any of the presidential, vice presidential nor dog catcher debates. . . . it is our simple way of protesting the staged, rehearsed presidential candidate utterings of today's political scene.

Alabama voters will be asked to approve several constitutional amendments on the November ballot. Amendment #1 is the attention getter thus far. It deals with a change in the funding of a couple of trust funds we voters were asked to approve several years ago. The trust funds get all the income from some oil and gas drilling royalties generated within the state. The change, if approved, will invest the trust funds in some higher yielding investments but will also divert 35% of any new royalty income to immediately fund such popular projects, such as roads, bridges, state parks, etc. It has the backing of some mighty smart, respected and influential people within our state. The jury is still out on how our vote will go, but you would probably be safe in betting that we will vote YES. There is still lurking in the back of the mind the idea that Alabama citizens did a great thing by putting the original royalty income checks in the bank and living off the interest. However, people in whom a lot of respect and trust has been vested are endorsing the plan, not as a perfect solution, but as an acceptable solution. Further, this is people who don't have their hand out for a piece of the pie, but simply have their hearts set on making Alabama a better place to live. . . for all of us. Study the plans, listen to the debates and be prepared to make a learned decision on Amendment #1 in November.



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EDITORIAL

2000 Census key to New Congressional & Legislative Districts by Senator Bill Armistead

Well, it's that time of the decade again. The U.S. Constitution requires that the federal government make a head count of all people living in the United States every ten years. And this is the year. The original purpose of the head count was to provide a basis for the citizenry and to determine the number of U.S. Representatives to be assigned to each state.

When the Founding Fathers wrote this section of the Constitution (Article I, Section 2), they were looking for a way to fairly distribute the cost of the Revolutionary War among the states. At the same time, they wanted to create a truly representative form of government by using each state's population to determine its number of members in the House of Representatives. The first census, conducted in 1790, was their way of accomplishing both.

Fairness and accuracy of the census were of the highest importance to the Founding Fathers. They felt that by using the census to determine taxes, states would be discouraged from "judging" their population upward to increase their representation in Congress. While the census was no longer used in tax collection after 1913 when the Sixteenth Amendment established

direct individual taxation, its role in maintaining representative government remains as important today as ever.

The first census in 1790 counted 4 million Americans (the population of Alabama in the last census). Based on that count, the total number of members elected to the U.S. House of Representatives grew from the original 65 to 106. The current House membership of 435 was set by Congress in 1911.

"Apportionment" is the process of allocating the 435 House seats among the states according to the population of each state. But, they wanted to create a truly representative form of government by using each state's population to determine its number of members in the House of Representatives. The first census, conducted in 1790, was their way of accomplishing both.

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This process, known as "gerrymandering", inherited its name from Elbridge Gerry, a former governor of Massachusetts and signer of the Declaration of Independence who gained notoriety for drawing districts that benefited his supporters. One of his more outlandish districts was shaped like a salamander. Hence, the name "gerrymandering".

Even though the census is not completed, the process has begun in the legislature to prepare for the redrawing of congressional districts, state board of education districts, and state legislative districts. There is a Legislative Reapportionment Committee, of which I am privileged to be a member, which has begun to meet to determine the process of drawing the new district lines.

With the advance of new computer systems, it would seem to be a simple matter of taking the state and dividing the population into equal parts for the 7 congressional districts, 8 board of education districts, 35 state senate districts and 105 state house districts. But, it is not quite that simple. The newly drawn districts must meet with the approval of the U.S. Department of Justice. If they do not like the way the districts have been drawn, they send them back to the individual states and require it to be done again.

The Justice Department's main concern is to be sure that no group of people has been discriminated against and to insure that every effort has been given the minority population to have proper representation at every level. While the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled in recent years that legislators can not use race as a primary factor for drawing district lines, we have to demonstrate that no group has been discriminated against.

Preliminary estimates show that the state has grown in population by about 10 percent during the last ten years from a little over 4 million people to over 4.4 million. As

expected, the growth did not occur equally in all geographical areas of the state. For example, my home county of Shelby appears to remain the fastest growing county in the state, having grown by an estimated 47.4% during the last 10 years.

The second fastest growing county is Baldwin County with an expected growth rate of 42.3%. The next three fastest growing counties appear to be St. Clair (30.7%), Autauga (30.0%) and Elmore (27.9%). Only two counties appear to have lost population and they are Macon (-5.0%) and Greene (-0.7%). The only two counties to lose population are the only two counties that depend upon gambling for their economic base (more on this at a later date).

With some areas of the state growing rapidly and others growing more slowly (and two losing population), those of us on the Legislative Reapportionment Committee will have our work cut out for us in drawing new district lines for the next decade. It is my hope that the legislature can work in a bipartisan manner to get the job done that the people have elected us to do. If the legislature fails to draw lines acceptable to the U.S. Justice Department, the Courts will draw them for us. Just as they have in past years. This is not in the best interest of the people of our state.

Much, much more on the 2000 census and redistricting in the months ahead!

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Elba Police Report

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26 - River stage - 2.92 (6:29 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Subway (9:10 a.m.); Alarm at Elba Elementary School (10:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Private Road (7:51 p.m.).

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 - River stage - 3.00 (6:48 a.m.); Alarm at a residence on Reese Avenue (9:30 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on the road to the Elba Dam (4:40 p.m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 - River stage - 2.76 feet (6:20 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a wreck on AL Hwy 125N (9:03 a.m.); Fire department & Coffee County EMS dispatched to a gas leak on Cedar Lane Drive (8:47 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 - River stage - 2.60 feet (6:27 a.m.); Alarm at Elba High School (1:43 a.m.); Alarm at The Peoples Bank (4:01 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Solite Drive (11:02 p.m.); Burglary reported at the Riviera Motel (11:05 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 - River stage - 2.46 feet (6:35 a.m.); Fire department & Coffee County EMS dispatched to a gas leak at Mullins Apartments (1:21 p.m.); Disturbance (loud music) reported on Smith Avenue (11:58 p.m.).

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 - Disturbance reported on Smith Avenue (12:42 a.m.); River stage - 2.35 (6:50 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to First Baptist Church (9:40 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to a residence on Red-dock Hill Road (3:35 p.m.); Wreck reported on Claxton Avenue at the Dairy Queen (3:50 p.m.).

BULLETIN BOARD

- **SOCIAL SECURITY REP.** - Court house 4th Tues. 12:30-1:30. Call FREE 1-800-722-1213.
- **ROTARY CLUB** - Tuesday @ Noon. First First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall.
- **ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN.** - Tues. 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.
- **ELBA CITY COUNCIL** - 2nd & 4th Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
- **WATER & ELECTRIC** - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. City Hall.
- **MASONIC LODGE 170** - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- **BAND BOOSTERS** - 1st Mon. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School.
- **VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER** - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5855.
- **COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN.** - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. Club House.
- **COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN** - 3rd Wed. Noon. Colony Inn, Enterprise.
- **AIRPORT AUTHORITY** - 1st Tuesday at noon. City Hall Conference Room.
- **AAUW** meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month.
- **CIVIL AIR PATROL** - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Briscoeanger.
- **ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB** - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - LHS Cafeteria.
- **ZION CHAPEL CRIME WATCH** is First Thursday night - 7:00 p.m. of each month at the ZC Fire Department.

ATTEND A CHURCH OF YOUR CHOICE THIS SUNDAY

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of September 25, 2000 through October 1, 2000. They were: Mary Barnes, Harvey Sasser, Frankie Hartzog, Sherry Moore, Trudie Jackson, Maxie Bozeman, Carol Harbuck, Kevin Baluis, L. F. Capps, Austin Money, Joey Ronnie Skinner, Anthony Hutchinson, Anthony Williams, Jacqueline Harbuck, Rhonda Johnson, Chelsea Mosely, Pettie Wambles, Donnie Stackhouse, Nina Allen, Sandra Davis, Minnie Bradshaw, Hollis Wicker, Bessie Warren, Eric Crook.

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Criteria for absentee voting in the Nov. 7 election outlined

Any registered voter may vote an absentee ballot by mail or in person at the Absentee Election Manager's office in New Brockton; if they are out of the county on election day and the Saturday ten days prior to the day of the election, or has any physical illness or infirmity which prevents their voting at the regular polls; or who works for the state, having grown by an estimated 47.4% during the last 10 years.

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Governor awards grant to fight drugs, violent crime in Pike & Coffee Counties

Governor Don Siegelman announced recently a \$306,262 grant to fund the ongoing efforts of the 12th Judicial Circuit Drug and Violent Crimes Task Force, a multi-agency task force that last year was responsible for the drug-related arrests of 316 people in Pike and Coffee counties.

Siegelman notified Pike County Commission Chairman Larry Meeks of the grant to finance the task force's efforts for the 2000-01 year. The grant will fund seven investigators, two part-time prosecutors and necessary support staff to fight drug activity and violent crime in the two counties.

"I am pleased to again make these funds available to Pike and Coffee counties to continue this successful fight against drug trafficking distribution and use," Siegelman said. Siegelman praised task force members for their ongoing partnership to eliminate drugs through a targeted initiative to investigate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:
I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of the following who contributed to our golf tournament: **Barbara and Kelly** who were held to help our Elba golf tournament. **Kelley** House, Elba MarketPlace, Barbecue House, Pearl's Deli, Kelly's Ranch House, Dairy Queen, Benton's, Texaco, Amoco, Ace Hardware,

Bradley's Florist, Head 2 Toe, Denise's Hair Salon, Hair Studio, Food World, Wal-Mart and band parents who provided drinks, set up the food and did the cooking. Your contributions were greatly appreciated.

Laura Baxley
Band Parent

More Happenings

BOLLWEEVL FESTIVAL The Downtown Enterprise Boll Weevil Festival, sponsored by Enterprise Downtown Merchants and the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Inc., will be held Oct. 28 from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Events included will be the Weevil Walk, Costume Contest, Arts, Crafts, Food and Entertainment.

PEANUT BUTTER RUN The 5K Peanut Butter Run will be held during the Peanut Butter Festival in Brundidge on Saturday, Oct. 21. Starting time is 8 a.m. at the Peanut Butter Barn on South Main Street (across from Green's Antiques). There will be a \$10 registration fee. All participants will receive a t-shirt, and trophies and prizes will be given in each age group. Send entries to: Peanut Butter Run, 706 S. Main St., Brundidge, AL 36010 - Include age and t-shirt size.

HALLOWEEN DANCE Best costumes to show up at the Geneva County Sheriff's Reserves' Halloween Dance highlight the activities planned for the evening. The dance will be held at the Geneva County Farm Center, Oct. 28, 6 p.m. to midnight. There is an entry fee. In addition to the costume contest, other activities include disc jockey, Don White playing music popular today, and delicious refreshments for sale. The dance offers parents an alternative to the traditional Halloween celebration for children. Participants 15 years of age and under must be accompanied by parents.

REPUBLICAN WOMEN MEET Republican Women of Coffee County will be meeting at Po Folks Restaurant on Oct. 18 at 11:30 a.m. for a luncheon meeting. The menu will be three piece chicken tenders, baked potato, green beans and bread stick. Cost is \$7 inclusive. Former State Senator Dwight Adams will be going over the Amendments with will be on the November ballot. Also Probate Judge William Gammill and Candidate for Circuit Clerk, Anita Metcalf, will be speaking. The public is invited. For reservations, call Joan Ayer at 347-1856.



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Monday, October 9, in
observance of **COLUMBUS DAY.**

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on Tuesday, October 10.

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AREA DEATHS

HAZEL RUBY RAY

Mrs. Hazel Ruby Ray, age 70, of 1152 Neil Grantham Dr., Elba, Ala., died Sept. 27, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Donald Hall officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband, Carlton Ray, Elba; one daughter, Angela Peck, Enterprise; one son, Charles C. Ray, Rome, Italy; one sister, Thelma H. Johnson, Elba; and seven grandchildren.

LUCILLE TAYLOR LARKINS

Mrs. Lucille Taylor Larkins, age 77, of 1236 Larkins Road, Elba, Ala. died Sept. 30, 2000 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2000 at Elba First Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Paul officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Larkins was preceded in death by her husband, Carlton R. Larkins.

Survivors include two brothers: John Hill Taylor, Letchfield, Ky.; Marion Keaton Taylor, Alexandria, Va.; one stepson: Hayes C. Larkins, Hampstead, Md.; and one stepdaughter: Georgeline Kelley, Ilhica, N.Y.

NADINE MYRTLE LEE

Mrs. Nadine Myrtle Lee, age 80, of the New Hope Community, died Sept. 30, 2000 at Flowers Hospital

in Dothan.

Funeral services were held Oct. 3, 2000 at Mount Olive Assembly of God Church with Rev. Ara Allen and Rev. Charles Jones officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Skeen Funeral Home of Troy directing.

Mrs. Lee was preceded in death by her husband, Louie Lee, and son, James Lee.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law: Austin and Joyce Lee, Vernon and Ronnita Lee, New Hope; three daughters and sons-in-law: Evelyn and James Napper, Nelda and Don White, New Hope, and Betty and Bobby Jo Henderson, Banks; one brother and sister-in-law: Rev. Ara and Clara Allen, New Hope; 12 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren, including step children.

IRA GRIFFIN

Mr. Ira Griffin, born April 17, 1957, of New Brockton, Ala., died Sept. 22, 2000.

Funeral services were held Sept. 30, 2000 from the Chapel of Coleman Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Dr. V.J. Coleman officiating. Burial followed in the Harshel Cemetery of New Brockton with Coleman Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Griffin was preceded in death by his mother, Mary Alice Griffin, and two brothers, Lewis Griffin and John Lewis Griffin.

Survivors include his son: Levo-ran McClood; his father: John Henry Griffin, Troy; one sister: Elaine (Grady) Moody, Enterprise; four brothers: Larry (Alberta) Griffin, Jerry (Kelly) Griffin, Johny (Annie) Griffin, Harry (Renea)

Griffin, all of Elba; and several other relatives.

E.J. (SAM) SILER

Mr. E.J. (Sam) Siler, born Sept. 14, 1918, of Elba, Ala., died Sept. 25, 2000.

Funeral services were held Sept. 29, 2000 at Elba Zion Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Lovell Martin officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hammond Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Mr. Siler was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Mae, and a son, Willie James.

Survivors include four sons: John, Marvin, Larry, all of Elba; Louis, Laurel, Md.; five daughters: Mae Dean Johnson, Irene Williams, Lucille, Hay, Maryland, Linda Tabron, Virginia, Lesha McMurray, North Carolina; two sisters-in-law: Lucille Savage, Louise Lewis, both of Milton, Fla.; a brother-in-law: Lucius Lewis, Milton, Fla.; five daughters-in-law: Deborah, Leona, Dolores, Jeanette, Renetha, five sons-in-law: Leon Johnson, Lamont Williams, Harrel Hay, Otis Tabron, Charles McMurray; 21 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

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Student Spotlight



by Francie English
Name: Shonda Morris
Parents: Gail and Edward Morris
Age: 14-years-old
Favorite color: black or silver
Favorite music: anything and everything
Clubs/Activities: FFA, FHA, and FBLA
Interests/hobbies: Listening to the radio and hanging out with friends.
Personal quote: "If you think you can, you can!"

Shonda's favorite subject in school is English because it's easy for her. Her favorite thing about Elba High School is her friends. After she graduates, she plans to go to college, have lots of fun, move out, and get a job. Shonda's most memorable moment was one night after school she stayed out really late and got grounded.

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Tiger Tales

Editors:
Bethany Dye
Annada Beerenstrauch

TIGER BRIEFS

Accounting Assembly

by Katie Crowe

On September 15, Brian Free, a Certified Public Accountant from Carr, Riggs, and Ingram accounting firm came and spoke to a group of students about careers in accounting. Mr. Free gave an overview of accounting, places where accountants work, job options, and salaries. Mr. Carney, the Guidance Counselor at Elba High School, would like to thank Mr. Free for taking time out of his busy schedule to come talk to our students. Mr. Free is one of many speakers to come present programs on career opportunities.

Presidential Classroom

by Leanne Mallory

Capitol Hill, The White House, the Supreme Court, and the House of Representatives are sites that can be visited during Presidential Classroom. Presidential Classroom is a trip to Washington for Seniors in order to learn more about how American government works. This week long trip allows students with at least a "B" average or ranking in the top 25% of their class to experience all the splendor of Washington. Trips will begin in January and end in July. The cost is around \$150, but the cost does not include transportation to and from Washington. All Senior students interested please contact Mrs. Weeks for more information.

Co-Op Spotlight

by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight focuses on Shannon Winters, a 16-year-old employee of the Dairy Queen where she is a cashier and cook.

Shannon's parents are Donna and Rex Messick, and she is a junior at Elba High School. She is a member of VICA, FFA, and the Marching Tiger Band.

Shannon has not decided on a major, but she plans on attending college.

SALUTE!!



Shannon Winters

Elba FFA Chapter's Fruit Sale Begins

The FFA members from the Elba FFA Chapter will be taking orders during September and October for delicious, nutritious holiday fruit. Fresh fruit is a natural agricultural product in which FFA members can promote and support agriculture every time they sell a carton of oranges, grapefruit, or apples. Almost every family is a potential customer because almost everyone buys fruit during the holiday season.

There are other reasons why fruit is sold in almost every high school in Alabama. As various sources of money for educational needs disappeared or been reduced, local teachers have been required to raise money to supplement their vocational (career/technical) programs.

Proceeds from past fruit sales have bought many books, hand tools, equipment or other items for use by agriculture students. An agriculture program is expensive to operate and difficult to properly maintain. Each year a customer is helping provide a better education for these students of Elba High School.

The fruit sale helps instill responsibility in our students. They take orders, which are turned in at the proper time, and deliver the fruit to the customer in a timely fashion. Also, students must account for the money they receive from the customer, and eventually clear their records with the agriculture teacher. The fruit sale also develops a good work ethic in the youth. When a person works for something, they usually feel more like a part of the program, therefore what's their self-esteem can be improved.

The fruit sale campaign is the only major fund-raiser for the agriculture and FFA program. The pre-sale campaign began September 20 and will end on October 22. The fruit should arrive the week of November 29. The FFA members

and advisor appreciate your help and support with the fruit sale. The following is a list of prices of this year's fruit sale: 4/5 means a 4/5-bushel box, (not a 4/5 full box); 2/5 is a half box.

Mixed Fruit (4/5 carton only) - \$24.00*
Tangerines (2/5 carton only) \$16.00
Navel Oranges (4/5 carton) \$20.00
Tangelos (4/5 carton) \$20.00
(2/5 carton) \$11.00

Juice Oranges (4/5 carton) \$18.00
(2/5 carton) \$10.00
Red Grapefruit (4/5 carton) \$18.00
(2/5 carton) \$10.00
Yellow Apple (1 bu. box) \$24.00
Red Del. Apple (1 bu. box) \$24.00
(1/2 bu. box) \$13.00

** The mixed citrus is back again this year and comes only in a 4/5-bushel carton. The mixed box contains 1/4 Navel, 1/4 Tangelos, 1/4 Juice Oranges, and 1/4 Grapefruit.

Adventures In Auburn



Pictured above (l-r) are: kneeling - Chris Turner, Chelsea Cooper, Gammie Kelley, and Leanne Mallory; Standing - Alan head, Katie Crowe, Bethany Dye, Amy Kirkland, Gammie Coleman, Tabitha Schultz, and Amanda Beerenstrauch

by Carmie Kelley

Color schemes, cool tools, and award-winning photos were the unfamiliar sights seen on "The Plains" on Tuesday, September 19. The EHS Journalism Staff traveled to Auburn to attend a Journalism Conference sponsored by the Alabama Scholastic Press Association. The students attended numerous seminars on photography, yearbook, newspaper/magazine, and broadcasting. The students were able to view many award-winning photographs and they learned what makes a photograph great. It was a great learning experience for all of the students. The staff came back motivated. They are excited about producing a wonderful Elbala. It's always better when you're in War Eagle Country.

FFA Holds Annual Peanut Boil & Cookout

The Elba FFA Chapter held their annual peanut boil and cookout on September 14, 2000. The purpose of the occasion is to show an appreciation for what a lot of the farmers in our area produce - peanuts. We also must have appreciation for the history of agriculture in our part of the state. The boil weevil played an important part in making the peanut industry in South Alabama what it is today. A lot of thanks is also owed to an African American by the name of George Washington Carver. Many of the FFA members in attendance knew the importance of the peanut industry to our economy in South Alabama. Lieutenant Randy White from the Enterprise office of the Department of Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries was the guest speaker for the event. Lt. White spoke to the members about a variety of issues concerning hunting and fishing in the State of Alabama. The members would also like to show their appreciation for the guests that came to share in the activity. The cookout was a success.



Students and guests really enjoyed the boiled peanuts, hamburgers, and polish dogs provided by the Elba FFA Chapter.

Counselor's Corner

From the Desk...

Lynn Weeks, Counselor
Attention: Parents and College Bound Students

by Melissa Mulaz

The September 11th and September 18th, 2000 issues of U.S. News and World Report contain several articles and information on colleges and financial aid. Check out those issues along with the following web sites for more information on college and how to pay for it.

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Friday - Homecoming - Dismiss at 11:20 a.m.

College and Scholarship Information
See Mrs. Lynn Weeks for more information on any of the following:
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Presidential Classroom information is available in Mrs. Week's offices.

Auburn University - minimum scholarship requirements 27 ACT and 3.0 GPA Deadline Dec. 1, 2000
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AUM scholarship deadline is Feb. 1 Act 25 and GPA 3.0
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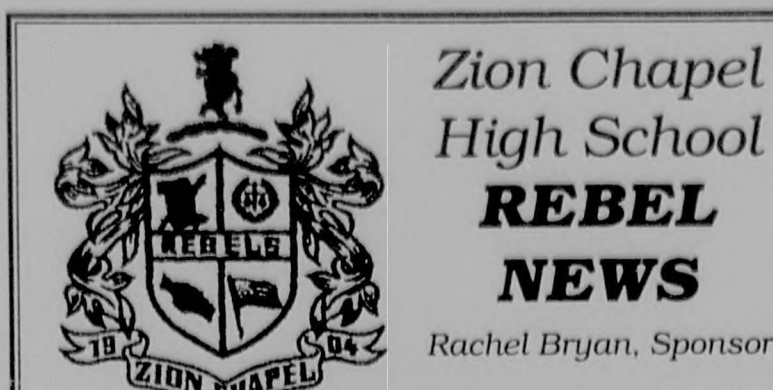
Zion Chapel's Music Classes Have Special Visitor

Mr. Shane Porter, graduate assistant for the Troy State University "Sound of the South" visited Zion Chapel's music classes.

Being a member of the staff for the "Sound of the South," is not Mr. Porter's only claim to fame. He is a highly respected musician in the "real world," especially as the musical arranger for The Temptations. He has performed all over the United States and Canada, and even in the former Soviet Republics. He has released a CD of original tunes mixed with jazz standard. He has studied with some of the best talents in the music business including Dizzy Gillespie, Wynton Marsalis, and many more.

Mr. Porter has played with many of today's most successful musicians and this list includes the Four Tops, Kenny Rogers, Lee Greenwood, and Dave Matthews. He, along with Ralph Ford, currently arrange music for the Troy State Band.

Mr. Porter co-hosts the program "Wednesday Night Jazz" on WTB-FM 94.7 with Mr. Michael Bird, Zion Chapel Band Director.



Zion Chapel High School
REBEL NEWS
Rachel Bryan, Sponsor

Career Preparation Class



Picture above (l-r) are: front row - Crystal Boyd, Tony Gamble, Amy Vance, and Mary Cooper; back row - Brandon Crawley, Luke Smith, Joyce Grantham, and Danielle Carter. Not picture - Asa Leverett.

Good grooming and dressing for success was the topic of the presentation made by Mrs. Britley Parker, a local cosmetologist and Zion Chapel alumna, to the Career Preparation class.

Each member of the class had their hair styled by Mrs. Parker who picked an attractive style for each member of the class. She also told them about dressing in business attire, formal attire and everyday wear.

Mrs. Parker left each member of the class with free samples of several different hair products.

Mrs. Parker visited the class on Monday, and on Friday the members of the class went on a field trip. They visited The Peoples Bank, a coin laundry, Head 2 Toe Beauty Salon, National Security Insurance Company, The Elba Marketplace, The Factory Connection and Benton's Restaurant.

Touring these types of businesses is considered a part of the curriculum for the Career Preparation class. The trip is intended as an educational experience because it allows the students to have a first person experience for many of the competencies needed for the Alabama Occupational Diploma.

Rebel Band News

BAND STUDENTS ATTEND LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP IN BREWTON

Kala Bundick, Ann Thibodeau, Denise Cooper and Amie Perry attend the annual Dr. Tim Lautzenheiser leadership workshop at T.R. Miller High School in Brewton.

They were accompanied by Mr. Michael Bird, band director.

Dr. Lautzenheiser has been lecturing for over twenty years on behalf of his company, Focus on Excellence, and is retiring after this year to become a consultant for Selmer, an instrument manufacturer.

Dr. Lautzenheiser has authored several books on motivation in music classes, as well as for directors. He also wrote the beginner band method that is used at Zion Chapel. It is called Essential Elements. Dr. Lautzenheiser is a percussion instructor and band director in Indiana, but has been featured at speaking engagements all over the United States as well as the rest of the world.

Dr. Lautzenheiser drives home several points during his leadership workshops. For instance, he states that there are four steps to maturity: (1) selfishness; (2) independence; (3) cooperation; and, (4) giving. Dr. Lautzenheiser says the first step is insignificant, but where most of our fellow students are. In order to become a leader, one must be at step four - giving. A giving person, according to Dr. Lautzenheiser, would clean the toilets without ever asking for a thank you, buy someone's meal who has no money, or make improvements in the classroom without ever being told to do so. Giving is the highest form of leadership, yet so few reach that level. In order to reach that place there must be independence and cooperation. A cooperative spirit must exist among the students being lead or else nothing will be accomplished.

Each point is illustrated by colorful anecdotes and personal stories from Dr. Lautzenheiser. Probably the most fun were the times when the audience members had to switch around, sit between two people they didn't know, and then write down that person's eye color or name. Another time, once the audience was moved again, each person had to massage the back of the person in front of them, and then behind them. Of course, by this point, according to Mr. Bird, everyone had given over to the leadership and maturity ideal and there were fewer giggles and less silliness as the evening went on.

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ZC Teacher Takes A Summer Trip

From June 19 until July 1, Mrs. Gale Jackson toured France, Spain, Portugal, islands in the Mediterranean Sea and cities in North Africa. Accompanying Mrs. Jackson on this trip were her mother and her sister, Mrs. Christine Nall and Ms. Glenda Adkinson. Mrs. Jackson teaches courses under the subject title Career Preparation.

The first stop on their journey was in Lisbon where they toured the oldest monastery in the world. The monastery is called Jeronimos and it contains the Tower of Belem which pays tribute to the early explorers. Next on their agenda was Gibraltar, a British colony. On Gibraltar they visited St. Michael's Cave and the Barbary apes. The apes are wild because as long as the apes are on the Rock of Gibraltar the country can't be taken over by Spain.

From Gibraltar they went to Barcelona, Spain, where they toured the Gothic Quarter. Next they saw the Palace of the Popes in Avignon, France.

Next on their tour came some island hopping. They toured Sardinia and La Goullette. La Goullette is the location of a city, carved into the hillside, which dates back to 1500 BC. From there it was to Tunis in Tunisia, North Africa, where they visited a mosque.

By the end of June they had made it to a beautiful city in Malta, Valletta, where only 300 people live. In Sicily they found some great shopping while touring the city on their own.

Mrs. Jackson said that the high point of her trip was a visit to St. Peter's Cathedral in Rome, where



Pictured above are Gale Jackson and her sister, Glenda Adkinson

they had a private tour of the Sixtine Chapel and the Pope's living quarters. Mrs. Jackson said that her visit to St. Peter's Cathedral was amazing. From Rome they returned to reality and Alabama. Mrs. Jackson met a couple from Andalusia, Alabama - not Spain, who are good friends with co-workers John and Lori McCroy.

States - New York, Wisconsin, Oregon, and California, to name a few. She met an editor for Time Warner who lives in Manhattan. However, the world is not such a huge place because, on the trip, Mrs. Jackson met a couple from Andalusia, Alabama - not Spain, who are good friends with co-workers John and Lori McCroy.

The Rebel News Features Michael Bird

THE REBEL NEWS has decided to feature a teacher each week who has been a Zion Chapel longer than just this year. This week Mr. Michael Bird is the feature.

Mr. Bird is currently the K-12 music teacher and band director at Zion Chapel High School. Prior to this assignment, he held the position of music and media instructor at Frisco City High School.

Mr. Bird grew up and attended school in Montgomery, Alabama. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School and then attended Kalamazoo University in Michigan. Mr. Bird was active in many social and professional organizations. He served as Secretary, Social Chairman, and Historian for Phi Mu Alpha fraternity; Publicity Coordinator for Music Educators' National Conference; and was Band Captain of the Troy State University "Sound of the South" band. Also in band, he was the section leader of the trombone section and was in every music ensemble, choral or instrumental, that was offered. He was also in the "Who's Who" of Students in Universities and Colleges for 1995, and was tapped to be in the Omicron Delta Kappa leadership honor society.

Mr. Bird left Troy for a couple of years to teach at Frisco City. Mr. Bird said, "My time there was a wonderful training experience in teaching elementary music, choral music, video media classes, and band classes." His band at Frisco City made ratings of "Superior" and "Excellent" at contests. The band at Frisco City had only been to District contest three times in its fifty-year history, and it became a goal of Mr. Bird's to get the band ready for the concert band competition. Also, Solo and Ensemble participation increased by 90 percent during his tenure there.

Mr. Bird took over the position of band director at Zion Chapel in 1999 from his dear friend and fraternity brother, Mr. Shay Watson, who left to work for a record company in Nashville. There were many successes in the program last

year, such as the purchase of new uniforms and superior ratings at contests. The band also increased its Solo Ensemble participation and took a fun trip to Visionland.

This year began with eighteen rookies in a band of thirty-six, so obviously this is a rebuilding year at Zion Chapel. However, Mr. Bird has big plans for the future, and wants to see the Rebel Band become not only bigger but better in the coming years. There have also been improvements in the elementary music program, which now has books, a CD player, and a keyboard available for the nearly 400 elementary music students.

The fifth grade class is involved with learning the flutophone (recorder) this year, while the sixth grade beginner band is meeting every day and getting ready for their Christmas concert.

Mr. Bird has two daughters, Michaela, who is three, lives in Atlanta. His other daughter, Miriam, is two months old. Mr. Bird, his wife Sena, and Miriam live in Troy.

Three nights each week Mr. Bird is on the air with WTB-FM 94.7 in Troy.

SALUTE!



Zion Chapel ball field receives funding... Senator Jimmy Holley, Representative Terry Spicer and Gilmer Grant of Wiregrass Resource Conservation & Development Council present a check for \$4,100 to Principal Wayne Vickers of Zion Chapel High School for ball field construction. The ball field is a project of Wiregrass RCD Council for Fiscal Year 2000. Funding is from the Alabama State Legislature. Pictured (l to r) are Senator Holley, Gilmer Grant, Wayne Vickers and Rep. Spicer.

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SPORTS

Views from....

THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Melanie has been making monthly trips to the orthodontist for almost two years, and last week was beaming with pride when we walked in the office because it was going to mark the first time in over a year that she had made it through the month without having any brackets come loose. As it turned out she did have one bracket that was hanging by its wire and had to be replaced. However, the twenty-minute trip to the doctor was our shortest in a long time, and we celebrated with breakfast. The monthly trips aren't fun for either one of us, but they do give us some quality time together, and after the trips I always realize just how lucky a Dad I am.

ELBA TIGERS BLOWN AWAY BY HURRICANES' FURY

The Elba Tigers made their first trip to Flomaton in many, many years last Friday night for an important Class 3A, Region 1 match-up, and if the rest of the Elba folks are like me, they left hoping it is many, many more years before we have to go back!

The Elba Tigers saw their record slip to 0-5 and also saw a teammate leave the field by helicopter Friday night in a game that was stopped with seven seconds left in the third quarter with Flomaton ahead by the score of 34-0. The loss was lopsided and complete, as Elba's players were manhandled by the Hurricanes in the second half, and the Tigers and their coaches saw the wheels come off the wagon a long way from home.

Elba did have some success running the corners early in the game, but in the second quarter managed only 18 yards rushing as the Flomaton defense ignored the pass and loaded up the line to stop the run. The Tiger defense held the Hurricanes to "three and out" on both of their possessions in the opening quarter, but the "Canes began to find some cracks in the Tigers' defense late in the half, and managed to grab a 14-0 lead. At half-time, Elba went into the dressing room down 14-0 and seemed a little confused on both sides of the football. In the third quarter the Tigers looked a little confused, and more than a little frustrated, and then the wheels came off the wagon as the frustrations grew and the Elba players began to fuss among themselves as Flomaton exploded and blew the game wide open. The third quarter was one that the players, coaches and fans would like to forget, and one in which the heavy toll of five straight losses this season may have finally taken its toll.

It is hard to point out many good things that happened Friday night, but Michael Sams did gain 80 yards on 21 carries and ran hard on every play, while injured Tiger Alan Head was back at home Saturday morning and thankfully sustained no serious injuries. I won't dwell on the bad, but one of the most noticeable was the fact the the Tigers fumbled on five of the six kickoffs in the game. The kick returners inability to catch the kickoffs resulted in poor field condition, as after the fumbles the Tigers began drives at their 15, 16, 21 and 10 yardlines.

It was a wasted trip for most of the Elba fans, and while the people down in Flomaton were certainly not to blame, I hope that when the state changes the regions in two years Elba can somehow bypass the pretty little town.

RESCUE SQUAD COULD HAVE PREVENTED LONG NIGHT

I know that many small towns all across the nation, Elba included, have had problems maintaining a Rescue Squad. I am not pointing the blame at anyone, but if there had been a Rescue Squad at the Elba-Flomaton football game Friday night, it would have saved a lot of worry, tears, and time for the hundreds of Elba supporters at the game. I agree that Elba's Alan Head was in need of medical attention after taking a head-on collision with a Flomaton player that he never saw coming, but I am also convinced that if there had been a Rescue Squad or ambulance service at the game, Head would have been taken to a hospital and could have possibly been back on the sidelines before the game ended. A lot has been said recently about medical attention available at high school games, and I think it is time the Alabama High School Athletic Association stepped in and mandates that a Rescue Squad that is able to transport patients or an ambulance service, is on the scene at all high school football games. If someone had suffered a heart attack at the game last week, they might not have still been alive by the time the helicopter from Pensacola landed!

WEEK #5 IS A WEEK FOR AREA TEAMS TO FORGET

The fifth week of the high school football season was not one of the best for area teams, as only the Brantley Bulldogs managed a win, and they got it at the expense of the Kinston Bulldogs. Here's a quick look back....

*** **BRANTLEY (3-2)** trailed upstart Kinston 14-7 early in the first quarter, but scored the game's next 41 points and left town with a big 48-14 region win. Brantley may have still been suffering from the results of its loss to Southern Choctaw, or might have been caught by surprise by the vastly-improved Kinston team. No matter what, it made a lot of Brantley fans feel better once they began rolling and putting points on the scoreboard. It may be time for the Bulldogs from Crenshaw County to start showing their teeth.

*** **KINSTON (2-3)** stunned high-powered Brantley by jumping out to a quick 14-7 lead, but simply didn't have enough weapons to shoot down the visiting Bulldogs and lost its first region game of the season 48-14. Kinston shoved the ball right down Brantley's throats on its opening drive and displayed some of its offensive power, then showed off its passing game and moved ahead. Coach Gary Glass certainly isn't looking for any moral victories for his team, and a 48-14 whipping certainly isn't any kind of moral victory. However, Kinston should realize just what it can and can't do after last week, and should only get better from the experience.

*** **NEW BROCKTON (0-5)** never had a chance last week and took it on the chin 40-12 from Houston County to fall to 0-5 on the season. The Brockton defense simply didn't have the speed to contain the quick Lions' running backs, while the Gamecock offense was out mugged all across the field. There will be some games left on the schedule in which the Gamecocks have a shot at winning, but last week they simply had two chances—slam and none—against Houston County. The Gamecocks know that they are out mugged at times, but have to keep working hard and believe that

what they are doing will pay off in the long run. Because it will!

*** **ZION CHAPEL (2-3)** hung in there with G.W. Long for almost two quarters Friday night, but then ran out of gas and couldn't keep up with the speedy visitors as they lost 52-20, in a region game. The Rebels came out ready to play and had to surprise Long by scoring twice in the opening half, and at the same time showed the coaches and themselves that they could play with one of the state's top teams when they play their best. A 32-point whipping isn't anything to feel good about, but Zion Chapel did do some good things in the loss, and should be able to rebound and make a run at a spot in the state playoffs.

QUICK KICKS....

*** The youth soccer program in Elba will open its fall season this weekend with a full slate of games set to be played at Miller Stadium. The age divisions are 6 and Under, 9 and Under and 12 and Under, and all three age groups will take the field Saturday morning for their first matches. The game played by the Elba youngsters might not resemble what you have seen on the tube, but they have been working hard, and ready or not, it is time to hit the field.

*** The fast-pitch softball program in Elba is winding down, but last week both of Elba's teams claimed wins over teams from Opp. The younger girls, ages 12 and under, edged past Opp 2-1 for their first win in three tries, while the older bunch, ages 14 and under, also claimed a win. The sport is still new to Elba and the pitching is nowhere like what is seen on TV, however, the girls are all excited about playing the new game, and it looks like it is here to stay.

*** The fans that went over to McKenzie Friday night got the chance to rest before the kickoff, since the referees didn't show up until 9:30 PM and the kickoff didn't happen until almost 9:45. The band from Leroy performed its halftime show twice to try and keep the fans awake, and once the game did get started, the Leroy football team made quick work of the Tigers as they posted a 42-6 win. I wonder how many dedicated fans stayed for the whole game?

*** Alabama and Auburn both claimed big wins last week in football, and while the Tigers rolled all over Vanderbilt, the Tide did what it had to do and managed to defeat South Carolina. Alabama is still a long way from being a college football power this season, but Auburn is making giant strides in a hurry and could very well be just about ready to turn the corner and regain its place among the tops in the SEC.

*** I talked with Elba High School girls' athletic director Susan Barnes last week, and she stated that the Alabama High School Athletic Association had reworked the brackets for the State Softball Tournament. This year the State Tournament will include a bracket for the 1A schools, another bracket for the 2A-3A schools, and another for the schools in 4A-5A-6A. The three state tournaments will be held for the schools still playing slow-pitch, and as more schools make the switch to fast-pitch, look for the State Tournament to continue to shrink. The new alignment will put Elba in the same post-season tournaments as New Brockton, Straughn, Samson and the rest of the area 2A schools, and make it a much tougher road for all the teams as far as the tournament is concerned.

*** The Elba Junior High Tigers dropped their third straight game last week and saw their record slip to 1-3. The Junior Tigers still have games left against Opp and Pike County, and since both of those teams have already defeated Elba, it looks like the Junior Tigers could be headed for a less than stellar season. The players and coaches have worked hard and have shown marked improvement, but the bottom line in sports is always the win-loss record, and it appears that the Junior Tigers are also struggling to find the winning formula.

*** The Elba teams in the Tri-County Youth Football League are busy and last week all three teams were in action down at Miller Stadium. The teenagers were the only team able to post a win against Opp, but both the Termites and Midgents were 2-1 after three weeks of action, and the PeeWees are 0-3, but getting better weekly. These youngsters work hard and play hard, and are fun to watch. Their next home games are set for Saturday, October 14, beginning at 4:30 PM at Miller Stadium. See 'ya there.

*** My box times change, back in 1989 the Elba Tigers defeated T.M. Rogers in the 3A state championship game, while in 1992 the Tigers won the state title with a win over Lamar County. It takes a very good team to make it to the state finals, but all three teams have fallen on hard times, and this season all three have 0-5 records. Hey, maybe we should all get together for a reunion and then at least two of the teams will have to get a win. Boy do times change!

Elba Tigers to invade Highland Home

Four area teams hit the road in week #6 action

The high school football season swings into week #6 with this Friday night and give these youngsters the support they need and deserve. They hear all the talk, but in many Elba is as disappointed as they are, and they deserve the support of all the Elba Tiger fans every time they take the field!

"It won't be easy," added Head, "but we will go up to Highland Home Friday night expecting to win the football game, and I expect the players to bounce back and give it 110 percent."

*** **ELBA (0-5) AT HIGHLAND HOME (3-2)** The Elba Tigers will add a chapter to their football book this Friday night when they travel to Highland Home for the first time ever to battle the high-powered Highland Home Flying Squadron. The Tigers will carry an 0-5 record into the game after suffering losses to Straughn 27-7, Samson 19-14, Luverne 26-23, Opp 21-7 and Flomaton 34-0, while Highland Home will enter the contest with a 3-2 record, having posted wins over Luverne 26-0, Brantley 42-21 and St. Jude 60-28, while falling to Clay County 44-13 and Straughn 30-14.

"Highland Home has a really fine football team," said Elba's Coach Julius Head, "and will present us with some real problems, especially on defense. Highland Home runs a wing-t set, and probably has more speed and quickness than any team we have played. Coach Claude Giddens has turned the program around up there, and this year thinks they might just have their best team in years. They did lose two games in a row to Clay County and Straughn, but Clay County simply has one of the best teams in the state and got hold of Highland Home at their place, while against Straughn they got some key fumbles and just had some problems. Don't let their 3-2 record fool 'ya, Highland Home is an outstanding football team with a lot of athletes, and they will be ready for us Friday night!"

Coach Claude Giddens has led the Flying Squadron to a 39-17 record in his five years at the Highland Home helm, and this season has seven starters back on offense and nine starters back on defense. The Squadron is led on offense by running backs John May (180) and Shaun May (175), while over on defense the big defensive line is anchored by Zam Reese (235), Zac Reese (205), Sam Sankey (220) and Brian Wiley (230).

"Last week we weren't able to keep Flomaton honest on defense with any type of passing attack, and they just came up to the line and dominated us. Against Highland Home, we will have to be balanced and maintain drives to keep the ball away from their offense. This will be the third straight week we have played away from home, and it may be the biggest challenge we have faced."

"Right now we are struggling more mentally than physically," said Coach Head, "and have got to get back to believing we can win. We played pretty good football for three straight weeks, but lost to Samson, Luverne and Opp, and then last week just didn't show up against Flomaton. I know it is hard for our youngsters to stay confident and hold their heads up after five weeks of losses. However, we are still a pretty good football team, and when we do a very different team take the

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS THE PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator dropped off this week's picks late Sunday afternoon and reported that last week he hit on 25 of 28 picks, which moved his yearly totals to 124-27. He reminded me that four of his 27 misses have been picking the Elba Tigers to win, and hinted that those days might be over. Oh well, the local guesser is an avid Tiger fan, even if he does pick 'em to lose. Here are this week's picks....

ELBA VS. HIGHLAND HOME

The Rebels found out the hard way that it is hard to play winning football in the wrath of a hurricane, and got blown away last week by Hurricane Flomaton. This week the Tigers will head up the road to take on the Flying Squadron of Highland Home, and they had better be prepared because the Squadron is loaded with ammunition and has the Tigers in their sights.

HIGHLAND HOME 40 ELBA 20

ZION CHAPEL VS. FLORALA

The Rebels from up the road got ambushed last week by G.W. Long, but this week travel down to the state line to tangle with the Florala Wildcats, and should have enough ammunition left to chase off the felines and even their record at 3-3. Zion Chapel got caught looking ahead a few weeks ago and got upset, but the guess here is that the Rebels learned their lesson, and will post a big win.

ZION CHAPEL 32 FLORALA 12

KINSTON VS. PLEASANT HOME

The Bulldogs put up a pretty good fight last week against Brantley for a quarter, but simply weren't the big dogs in the fight, and dropped the win to the region standings. This week Kinston will head over to Pleasant Home looking to get its third region win in four tries, and while it won't be easy, the 'Dogs should have more than enough to bring home a win.

KINSTON 27 PLEASANT HOME 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON COUNTY

The Gamecocks were totally out mugged last week in a loss to Geneva County, and this week will find the gap even bigger when they head over near the Georgia state line to tangle with the Lions of Houston County. The fans from New Brockton need to travel and support their team because this may be one in which the Lions can pick the score.

HOUSTON COUNTY 41 NEW BROCKTON 6

BRANTLEY VS. ARITON

The Bulldogs flexed their muscles last week in taking care of Kinston, and this week will try to go out and show the Arton Purple Cats that they have no business on the field with the talented 'Dogs. The Cats might be able to keep it close for a little while, but look for the Bulldogs to pull away and keep on rolling past all and region opponents.

BRANTLEY 46 ARITON 8

OTHER PICKS:

Doherty 17 Enterprise 10
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Carroll 34 Greenville 18
Charles Henderson 42 Southside-0
Geneva 14 Daleville 10
Headland 20 Abbeville 13
Hillcrest 21 Opp 14
Red Level 40 Barbour County 8
Cottonwood 16 Houston Academy 13
Geneva County 33 Samson 22
Goshen 27 Georgiana 14
Wicksburg 27 Slocomb 13
Straughn 32 St. Jude 10
Jackson 20 Andalusia 7
County 29 Ashford 0
Coulton 22 Pike County 20
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Opelika 42 Russell County 0
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SPORTS

Injury ends game in third quarter

Tigers blown away by Hurricanes 34-0

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Elba Tigers saw their football fortunes go from being too good Friday night as they were blown away by the Flomaton Hurricanes 34-0, in Flomaton, in a game that Head needed additional medical care and a medical helicopter from Pensacola was called in to transport the injured player to a Pensacola hospital. During the long wait for the helicopter to arrive, the head coaches from both teams met with the game officials and agreed to end the game with Flomaton being awarded the 34-0 win. Head, who received a severe concussion, was examined in Pensacola and released early Saturday morning after a battery of tests cleared the Elba player.

The loss dropped Elba's record to 0-5, 0-2 in Region 1 standings, while Flomaton improved its record to 4-1, 1-1 in Region play.

Elba received the game's opening kickoff and quickly moved the chains as Michael Sams gained 23 yards on two carries to give the Tigers a first down at the Elba 38-yardline. The Tigers moved out to their 46, but were stopped on a key

third down play, and were forced to punt.

The two region rivals went three and out on the game's next three offensive series, with Elba putting the ball in play at its 44-yardline with 2:54 remaining in the first quarter. The Tigers moved across midfield after a 15-yard penalty against the Hurricanes for roughing the passer, and got as far as the Flomaton 31-yardline, only to see the drive end when a pass fell incomplete on fourth down and four.

Flomaton, which had failed to make a first down in the entire opening quarter, came to life following the defensive stop and marched 68 yards in six plays to get on the scoreboard. A key play in the drive was a 55-yard pass completion to Mac McCall, while the score came on a 3-yard plunge up the middle. The extra-point try was missed, but with 8:55 remaining in the second quarter the Hurricanes once again blew past the Tigers and scored their second touchdown on the stanza.

The touchdown came on a 39-yard run by Brian Wesley, and Brian Hastings ran in the two-point conversion, as Flomaton upped its lead to 14-0 with 5:38 left in the half.

Elba's offense showed signs of life on its next possession and moved to a first down at the Tiger 48-yardline after a pair of 8-yard

gains by Michael Sams, but the drive bogged down at a midfield, and the Tigers turned the ball over on downs when a faked punt failed to reach the first down marker.

Flomaton had two possessions in the closing minutes. However, the Elba defense turned back both Hurricane threats, and at the half the Tigers went in the dressing room trailing 14-0.

The Elba defense again rose to the challenge early in the third quarter when Gary Williams recovered a fumble at the Tigers' 30-yardline, but the Tigers gave the ball right back on the very next play on another fumble, and this time the Hurricanes needed only one play to reach paydirt as Brian Hastings took a handoff on a reverse and raced 30 yards for a touchdown. Mac McCall added the extra-point, and with 7:51 left in the third quarter Flomaton owned a 21-0 advantage.

Flomaton began its next offensive series at the Elba 36-yardline after a short 19-yard punt, and needed six plays to get back into the endzone. A 15-yard penalty against the Tigers for unsportsmanlike conduct was a key play in the drive as it wiped out an 8-yard loss on a quarterback sack by Brandon Salter, while the Hurricane touchdown came on a 1-yard dive up the middle. The extra-point try sailed wide, and with 3:15 remaining in the third quarter Flomaton was in command with a 27-0 lead.

Elba began its ensuing possession at its own 10-yardline after a fumbled kickoff, and after three plays the Tigers found themselves

facing a fourth down and 13 back at the seven. Elba punter Chris Turner managed to get the punt off under a heavy Flomaton rush, but the punt traveled only 17 yards, and Flomaton's Mac McCall hauled in the punt and walked in from 22 yards out for yet another Hurricane touchdown. McCall also kicked the extra-point and with :37 remaining in the quarter Flomaton had blown the game open by taking a 34-0 lead.

Elba's Brent Bowers returned the ensuing kickoff 19 yards to set the Tigers up at their own 47-yardline, and Elba quickly moved to midfield after a short pass from Brandon Petty to Dougie Pierson. The game was stopped at this point to allow medical personnel to drive onto the field, and moments later the game was stopped with Flomaton winning 34-0.

Michael Sams gained 80 yards on 21 carries to lead Elba, while Brian Wesley gained 73 yards on 5 carries and scored 1 touchdown for Flomaton. Brandon Salter made 7 tackles and had 1 assist to lead the Elba defense, while Gary Williams had 4 stops and 2 assists.

STATISTICS

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|------|---------------|------|
| 3 | 1st Downs | 9 |
| 62 | Rushing Yds. | 166 |
| 41 | Passing Yds. | 55 |
| 61 | Total Offense | 221 |
| 24-0 | Passes | 14-0 |
| 8/1 | Fumbles/Lost | 1/1 |
| 6-30 | Punts-Ave. | 3-37 |
| 35 | Penalty Yds. | 45 |



Tiger running back Michael Sams (in white) fights for extra yardage against Flomaton. Sams gained 80 yards on 21 carries in the 34-0 loss to the Hurricanes.



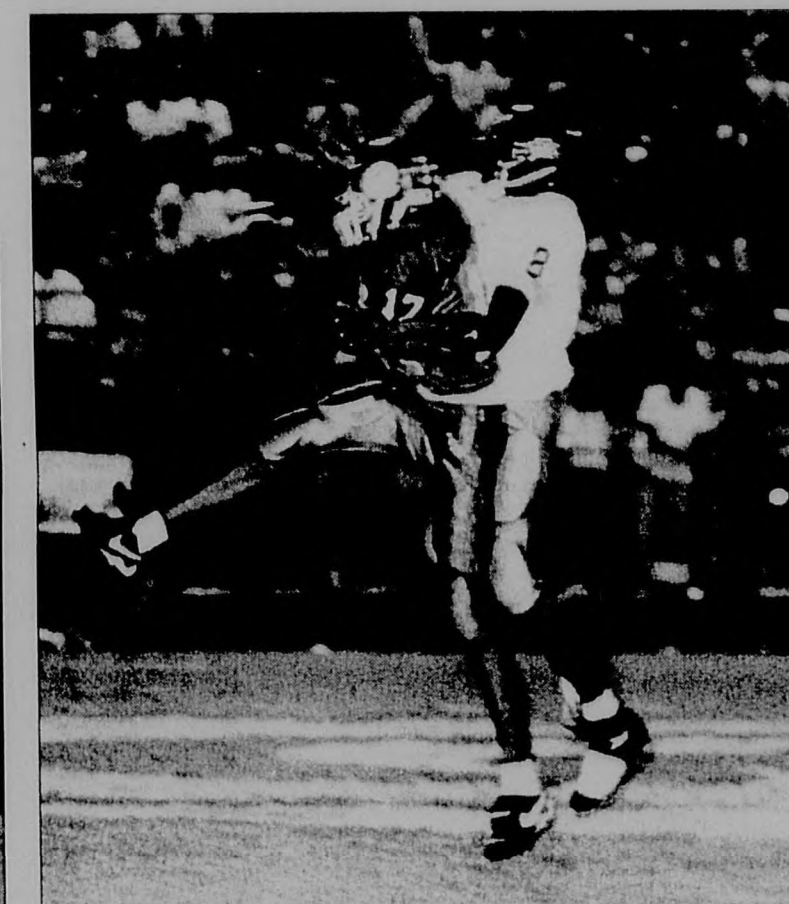
Tiger quarterback Brandon Petty (7) looks for room to run against the hard hitting Flomaton defense. Petty will lead the Elba offense Friday night in Highland Home. Kickoff is 7:30.



Elba's Michael Reed (55) hangs on to a Flomaton runner while Brandon Salter (13) comes in to help make the stop. The Tigers remained winless on the season last week with a 34-0 loss to the Hurricanes.



MAYBE I NEED TO SHARPEN MY FANGS... Elba mascot Elbie ponders a solution for the Tigers' struggles during action Friday night in Flomaton. Donning the mascot uniform is Elba High senior Amber Norris.



Elba receiver Marcus Henderson (8) turns into a defender to break up a possible interception in last week's 34-0 loss to Flomaton. The loss left the Tigers with an 0-5 record.

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SPORTS

Rebels fall to G.W. Long 52-20

It was a long night in Jack

By Randy Winters, Sports writer

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled the high-powered G.W. Long Rebels on even terms for two quarters, but simply didn't have enough weapons to keep up the fight for the entire game, and watched as Long pulled away in the second half to post a wild 52-20 win Friday night at Zion Chapel.

The loss dropped Zion Chapel's record to 2-3, 1-2 in Region play,

while G.W. Long upped its slate to 4-1, 2-1 in Region action.

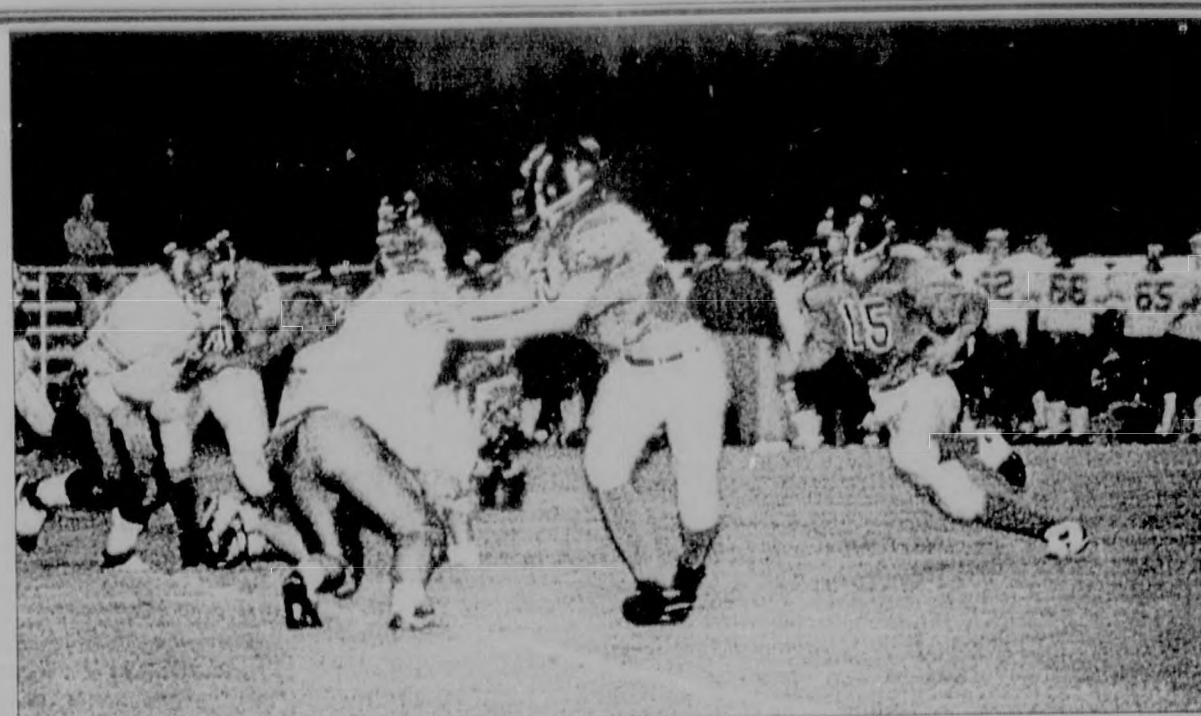
Zion Chapel came out ready to play against their highly-favored visitors and trailed only 21-13 in the second quarter. However, G.W. Long scored on three straight possessions to blow the game open, and pulled away to post the big region win.

Zion Chapel's touchdowns came on runs of 30 yards and 3 yards by Marcus Taylor, while on a 3-yard

scamper by Josh Mehaffey. Lorenzo Williams scored 5 touchdowns to spark G.W. Long, with the scores coming on runs of 9, 5, 45 and 5 yards, and the fifth touchdown coming on a 14-yard pass reception from Brian Johnson. Also scoring for Long were Johnny Wigham and Fred Grubbs, both on 10-yard runs.

STATISTICS

| ZC | | GWL |
|--------|---------------|--------|
| 14 | 1st Downs | 11 |
| 34-144 | Rushes-Yds. | 35-322 |
| 80 | Passing Yds. | 42 |
| 224 | Total Offense | 364 |
| 6-13-2 | Passes | 3-5-1 |
| 2-21 | Punts-Ave. | 0-00 |
| 3/2 | Fumbles/Lost | 0/0 |
| 7-45 | Penalty Yds. | 17-160 |



Zion Chapel quarterback Marcus Taylor (15) heads uptfield for a big gain in the Rebels' 52-20 loss to G.W. Long last week. Taylor scored touchdowns on runs of 30 and 3 yards for the Rebels in the region 2 loss.

New Brockton outscored by Geneva County 40-12

Gamecocks no match for hungry Bulldogs

From Staff Reports

The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and saw a late rally fall far short Friday night as the Geneva County Bulldogs posted a big 40-12 win, at Gamecock Stadium.

The loss dropped the Gamecocks' record to 0-5, while the Bulldogs improved their slate to 4-1 with the win.

Geneva County totally dominated

the action in the opening half and went in at intermission with a 28-0 lead, then upped its lead to 34-0 in the third quarter.

New Brockton got on the scoreboard when Nicky Anderson broke through to block a Bulldog punt and teammate Jeremy Mack scooped up the blocked kick and rambled 52 yards to the endzone.

The two-point try failed, but the Gamecocks were on the scoreboard and had cut the Bulldogs' lead to 34-6.

The Gamecocks' final score came

with only 1:15 left on the clock when Tyler Simmons clinched a 95-yard drive by bulging over from 1 yard out, but it was too little, way too late, as the late touchdown only changed the final score, as Geneva County posted the win 40-12.

Tyler Simmons gained 150 yards on 30 carries and pulled in 2 passes for 26 yards to spark the New Brockton offense, while Nathan Rainey added 64 yards rushing.

The Gamecock defense was led by Demetrius Foster with 7 tackles and Tyler Simmons with 6 stops.

Andre Golsen gained 190 yards on 9 carries and scored touchdowns on runs of 62, 50 and 32 yards to lead the Bulldog attack, while Scott Hutcherson scored on an 8-yard run, Jeffery Anderson scored on a 42-yard run, and Ken Lawson added a 5-yard touchdown scamper.

WEEK #6 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL RESULTS

Following are area results from last week's high school football action:

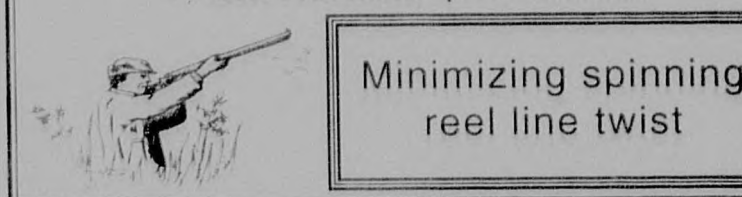
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Wicksburg 10 Houston Academy 7
G.W. Long 52 Zion Chapel 20
Antonia 34 Florala 6
Ashford 14 Bullock County 8

Flomaton 34 Elba 0
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Prattville 42 Carver 0

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Minimizing spinning reel line twist

One of the best things that has happened to fishermen was the invention of the spinning reel. Modern spinning and spin-cast reels are relatively inexpensive and easy to use, even for young and first-time spin fishermen.

While bait casting reels are notorious for back lashes (line tangling up on reel spool) and fly fishermen have to contend with wind knots getting in their leader, spin fishermen's number one enemy is line twist. Spinning gear by its very design is prone to line twisting. Even the monofilament line used in spin fishing lends itself to easy twisting.

Monofilament line develops a condition called "memory." That is it develops a "set" to the spool that it is installed on.

The spinning reel bail that winds line on the spool creates a certain amount of twist. Although some twist is unavoidable due to design, proper spooling and changing line often will minimize the natural twisting tendency of spinning reels. Line twist can become severe if the reel handle is cranked while line is being pulled off the reel as often happens when a fish is on line. A property set drag can minimize this problem, but if the reel is cranked as line is stripped, a severe twist can result. Wait for the fish to pause and lift the rod slowly, without reeling in line and then by reeling line as the rod is lowered.

Line twist can also happen when certain lures are used without a swivel or when fishing in a swift current such as when cat fishing below large reservoir dams. Most lures such as plugs, spinner baits and jigs do not rotate unless something is wrong with their action. However, some spinners and spoons tend to rotate on retrieve, creating line twist.

Using a good quality snap swivel that will allow the lure to rotate naturally can reduce line twist resulting from lure action.

Even with proper line installation and using swivels, some line twisting is going to occur on your spinning reel. Fortunately, this inevitable twisting is relatively easy to correct. One of the best ways is to let the line out (without a weight attached) behind a motorboat; or allow the line to float downstream in a good current and reel in while maintaining a moderate pressure with your fingertips.

Severe line twisting problems can be prevented by watching your lure as you take it out of the water. If it spins, the line is beginning to twist. Allow the lure to spin out, then fix the lure action or attach a swivel. Another little used method of preventing line twist is to take the spool off and soak it in warm water to soften up the line.

Preventing line twist will give you more fishing time and save you the wrath of your little darling when Junior comes in and repeats the words you used when you got a "birdnest" on your spinning reel.

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SPORTS

Kinston suffers first region loss

Brantley wins "Battle of the 'Dogs'" 48-14 over Kinston

By Greg Brunson, Sports writer

The Brantley Bulldogs traveled to Kinston Friday night for a "Battle of the Bulldogs" in a key Class 1A, Region 2 match-up, and both teams hit the field with high energy levels and treated the large crowd to plenty of first half fireworks, as the

home standing Bulldogs jumped out to an early 14-7 lead, only to see the green-clad "Dogs from Crenshaw County storm back and leave town with a big 48-14 victory.

It didn't take long to make sure the scoreboard was working, as Tyrone Knighten took the opening kickoff and returned it 76 yards for

the game's first points. Greg Daniels added the extra-point, and with 11:46 still left in the first quarter Brantley was already on top 7-0.

If the sudden score stunned Kinston, it didn't show, as the hometown Bulldogs put the ball in play at their own 20-yardline to begin their first offensive series and marched 80 yards in 12 plays to pull even.

The touchdown came on a 4-yard pass from Cody Sansom to Jim Bedsole, and Donnie Sansom added the extra-point, as Kinston caught Brantley at 7-7 with 5:57 left in the opening quarter.

Kinston's Daniel Davis recovered a Brantley fumble on the ensuing kickoff to put Kinston right back in business at the Brantley 37-yard-line, and moments later Cody Sanson hooked up with Patrick Nelson on a 27-yard touchdown pass. Donnie Sanson kicked the extra-point to give Kinston a surprising 14-7 lead with 2:38 remaining in the first quarter.

Brantley didn't stay down for long, however, as Tyrone Knighten scored on the very next play from scrimmage. The 65-yard touchdown run was aided by a stiff-arm by Knighten near midfield, and Greg Daniels again booted the extra-point, as Brantley pulled even with Kinston at 14-14 with 2:21 still left in a wild opening quarter.

A Dexter Daniels pass interception three plays later set up the next Brantley touchdown, which came on a 7-yard run by Tyrone Knighten. A key play in the drive was a 35-yard pass completion from Andy Johnson to Jimmy Mitchell, on a play in which Mitchell was well covered, but wrestled the ball away from a Kinston defender the seven. A two-point try failed, but Brantley was back on top 20-14 with 11:03 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley struck quickly on its next possession by moving 57 yards in only three plays. The final two plays were a 39-yard run and then a 2-yard plunge by fullback Greg Daniels. Andy Johnson ran in the two-point conversion to increase the Brantley lead to 28-14 with 8:15 remaining in the half.

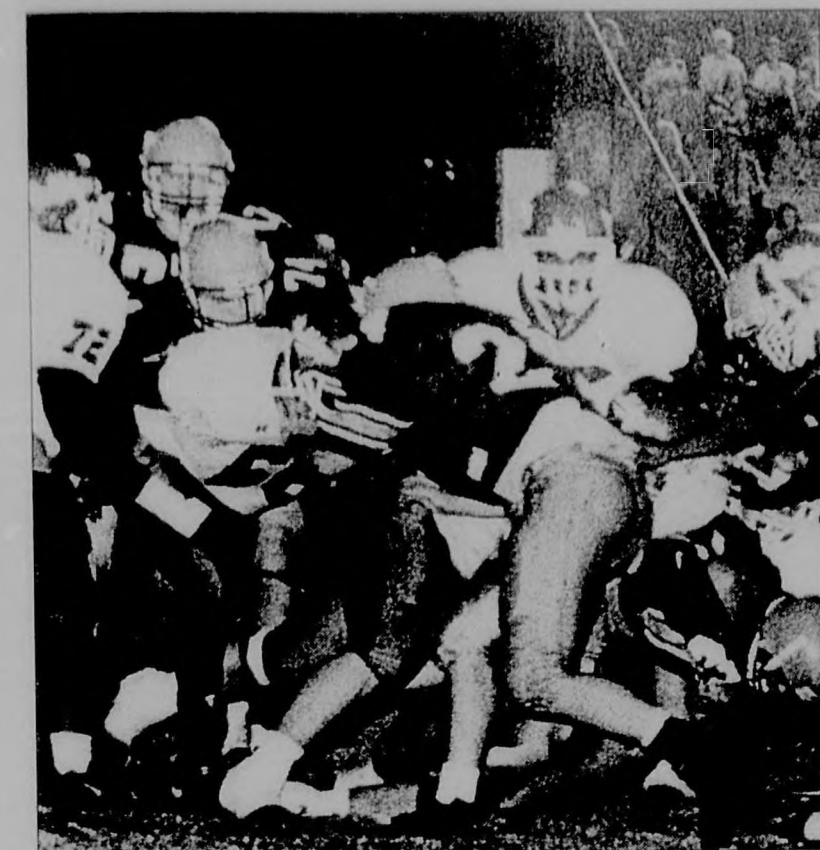
The visiting Bulldogs got into the endzone one last time before the half ended, with the touchdown being set up by a fumble recovery by Rashad Owens at the Kinston 21-yardline with only seconds left in the half. After an incomplete pass, Andy Johnson hit Darrell Owens with a screen pass, and Owens pulled in the pass and raced 21 yards into the endzone. Greg Daniels ended the first half scoring with the extra-point, and when the teams left the field Brantley was in control with a 35-14 lead.

Both defenses played better in the third quarter as the two teams exchanged several punts.

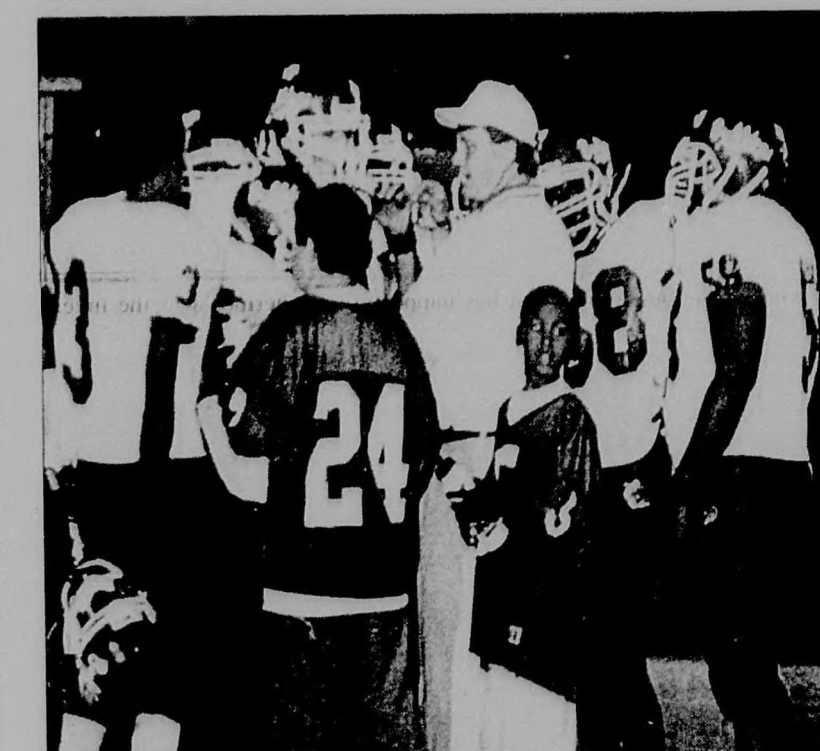
Brantley put together a drive late in the third quarter that covered 74 yards in seven plays. Greg Daniels scored the touchdown on a fine 17-yard run, as the burly back was stuffed at the line of scrimmage, but bounced outside and rambled down the sidelines for the score. The extra-point failed, but with 3:12 left in the third quarter Brantley was in complete command with a 41-14 lead.

Dexter Daniels claimed another interception on Kinston's next possession, but this time the Kinston defense rose up and forced a Brantley punt.

Both teams were able to get some valuable playing time for their younger players during the final quarter, and Brantley got into the



Kinston's Chris Rhodes (74) and Jammie Lunsford (24) combine to stop a Brantley running back in last week's Class 1A, Region 2 battle.



Brantley Bulldog head football coach David Lowery talks things over with the Bulldog defense. Bulldogs pictured include Cedric Brundridge (3), Dexter Daniels (68) and Rodney Wiley (58).



Kinston Bulldog Marching Band soloists Elizabeth Farris and Jay Barletti salute the crowd after performing during halftime festivities Friday night.

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"ON THE ROAD"

Houston County has lit up the scoreboard against any and all opponents in rolling to five straight wins, and this season has posted wins over Ashford 28-0, Zion Chapel 40-6, Samson 46-20, Wicksburg 48-14 and Cottonwood 38-12.

The explosive Lions have averaged 40 points per game, despite sitting out its starters late in the game due to the lopsided scores, and appear to be one of the teams to beat in the Wiregrass.

Every time they tie it up there is a chance either team can win, and that has to be the Gamecocks' mind set this week when they head over to Houston County to battle the high-scoring Lions. Sure it looks like a huge mismatch on paper, but

games aren't played on paper, and the scoreboard will read 0-0 at the kickoff.

ARITON (2-3) AT BRANTLEY (4-2)

The Brantley Bulldogs will return home Friday night when they host the Arton Purple Cats in a big Class 1A, Region 2 battle.

The Bulldogs will be looking to improve to 3-0 in the region standings Friday night, and should be fired up and ready to play after waking up last week and posting a 48-14 region win over Kinston.

Brantley's running game averaged over 10 yards per carry last week, and with the strong arm of Andy Johnson, it looks like the Bulldog



Kinston's Ryan Anderson (10) follows the blocking of teammate Jammie Lunsford (24) as Brantley's Rashad Owens (55) and Jamie Cooper (72) close in. Brantley won the "Battle of the Bulldogs" to move atop the Class 1A, Region 2 standings.



Brantley's Tyrone Knighten (1) prepares to cross the goaline for a Bulldog touchdown as Kinston defender Jim Bedsole (25) arrives too late. Brantley will be looking to improve its record to 4-2 this week when it hosts Arton in an important 1A, Region 2 clash, while Kinston will travel to Pleasant Home to meet the Eagles.

endzone once again as Tyrone Knighten went up the middle from 4 yards out. The short touchdown run capped off a 62-yard, five play drive, and Rodney Wiley added the extra-point to give Brantley the win 48-14.

The Brantley ground game was led by Tyrone Knighten with 144 yards on only 9 carries, while Darrell Owens added 69 yards on 5 fumbles and Greg Daniels gained 66 yards on 6 tries.

Kinston's leading runner was Jammie Lunsford with 58 yards on 8 carries, while Ryan Anderson added 39 yards on 13 carries.

STATISTICS

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| 16 | 1st Downs | 11 |
| 30-331 | Rushes-Yds. | 43-154 |
| 88 | Passing Yds. | 92 |
| 419 | Total Offense | 248 |
| 6-13-0 | Passes | 5-12-2 |
| 74 | Return Yds. | 66 |
| 2 | Fumbles Lost | 2 |
| 12-104 | Penalties-Yds. | 8-46 |
| 3-35 | Punts-Ave. | 6-32 |

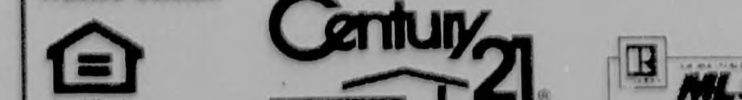
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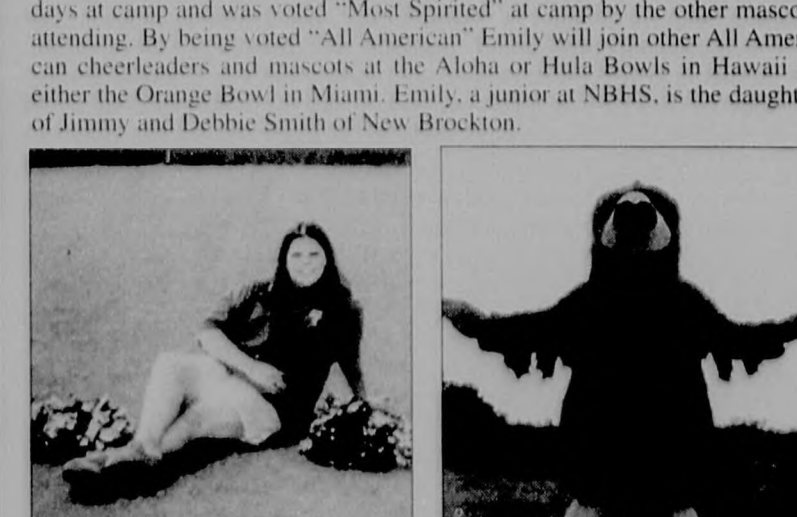
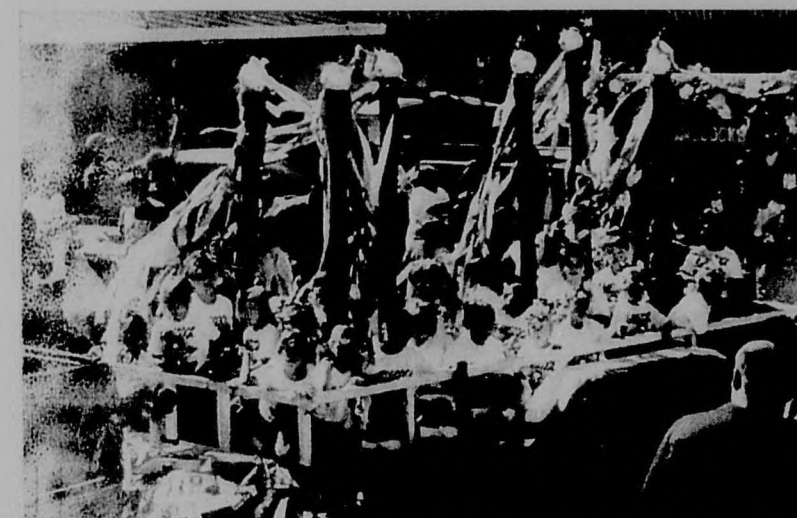
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Smith is NCA "All American Mascot"

Emily D. Smith "BIG RED" New Brockton High School Mascot, was recently voted "All-American" while attending NCA mascot camp at Mississippi State University. Emily also won a spirit stick on two different days at camp and was voted "Most Spirited" at camp by the other mascots attending. By being voted "All American" Emily will join other All American cheerleaders and mascots at the Aloha or Hula Bowls in Hawaii or either the Orange Bowl in Miami. Emily, a junior at NBHS, is the daughter of Jimmy and Debbie Smith of New Brockton.



Emily Smith



"BIG RED"

COMMUNITY

Anne Cline participates in cancer walk in Atlanta

On the weekend of Sept. 22-24, Anne Cline of Elba participated in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day in Atlanta.

"This was one of the most important things I have ever done for someone else," Cline said.

Throughout the year from May to October, approximately 20,000 women and men from all walks of life come together to participate in 3-Day events in seven cities across the U.S. - Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Los Angeles, New York, San Francisco and Washington DC.

During each event participants walked approximately 60 miles over three days to raise money and awareness for the fight against breast cancer. To participate every walker must raise a minimum of \$1,800. Monies raised fund medical research, support services for breast cancer survivors, patients and their families, educational seminars and early detection services. This year, Avon awarded UAB's Comprehensive Cancer Center with \$2.2 million to boost its already strong commitment to breast cancer research and patient care.

Walkers in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day are challenged both mentally and physically, but the Avon 3-Days are not solely for athletes. People of all ages and physical fitness levels take part, and participants travel at their own pace walking an average of 20 miles a day. Every step of the way, an army of 500 volunteer crew support the walkers with catered hot meals, gear, transport, water and snack stops, bag-showers and comprehensive medical services.

"It was very inspirational to watch walkers and crew members give so much of themselves for the breast cancer cause," said Cline.

"We had one walker that was 78-years-old and another that had lost a leg to bone cancer. I met a doctor that had come from Virginia to be a part of the medical crew."



Anne Cline

that had come from Virginia to be a part of the medical crew."

The 3-Day event ends with a closing ceremony for walkers, crew, family and friends.

"When I signed up to walk in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, I thought the event was about raising \$1,800 and walking 60 miles in 3 days," she said. "As I neared the end of the 60 miles, I realized the 3-Day is about reaching goals that seem unreachable. We CAN provide early detection and support for everyone who faces breast cancer and we WILL eradicate breast cancer in the future."

She said 2,670 participants raised \$7.9 million in Atlanta this year, and the 3-Day events of 2000 raised \$40 million altogether.

"As I crossed the finish line, tired and sore, I had no choice but to go straight to the tent to sign up for next year's 3-Day event," Cline said. "My walking doesn't only help me, it helps so many others."

For more information about the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day, call Anne or call toll free (888) 3 DAY AVON.



Elba banker Stacey Parker received congratulations from Community Banking School director John Venable, right, prior to a ceremony for this year's CBS graduates.

Area banker receives certificate at Sanford

Elba banker Stacey Parker was among Community Banking School (CBS) graduates who received certificates at Sanford University on Sept. 12.

Parker is assistant vice president of The Peoples Bank of Coffee County.

This year's 28 graduates from 18 Alabama counties have completed two years of courses sponsored by the Sanford School of Business and the Community Bankers Association of Alabama (CBA).

The CBS program offers management education to bankers throughout Alabama. Classes provide intensive study of all aspects of community banking, including customer service and bank operations, loans, and regulation and bank management. Sanford School of Business professor John Venable is director.

College Street Assembly of God in Enterprise to host team from Alabama Teen Challenge.

College Street Assembly of God Church will host a team from Alabama Teen Challenge during the 11 a.m. Services on Oct. 8. Everyone is invited to attend as it will be a message of deliverance from drugs and other addictions through the power of Jesus Christ.

The church is located at 1506 W. College Street, Enterprise.

Statewide Parenting Day seeks to build parent, family involvement

Elba High School will soon be giving parents and guardians a chance to "discover" their children's schools.

With research that shows students achieve more when parents or guardians are involved, Elba High School will participate in the State Department of Education's second annual Statewide Parenting Day on Monday, Oct. 16. While the day is referred to as "Parenting Day," it's really intended to pull in anyone responsible for raising school-aged children in Alabama's public schools. The theme for the day is "Discover Your Schools."

Elba High School will hold its Parenting Day in the auditorium at 7 p.m. Mr. Williams, high school principal, encourages all parents to attend.

The State Department of Education first started planning this special day in 1998 as a way of informing adults of the importance of their involvement in their school-aged children's education. Last year more than 100,000 parents attended activities at almost every Alabama public school.

Oct. 16 has been set aside for special activities aimed at getting parents and guardians to discover more about what goes on in their children's lives while they are at school. Elba High School will join almost all of Alabama's 128 school systems in hosting Statewide Parenting Day events.

Rebecca Kidd attends reception

Rebecca Kidd, daughter of Ricky and Teresa Kidd, attended a formal reception held in the home of Judson College's president and his wife, David and Beth Potts. The annual President's Reception formally introduces Judson's new students to the College faculty and staff. Rebecca is from Jack, Ala.

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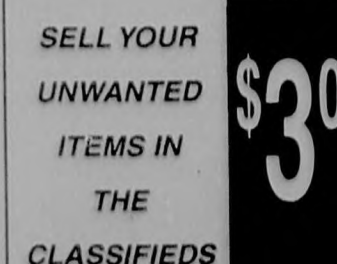
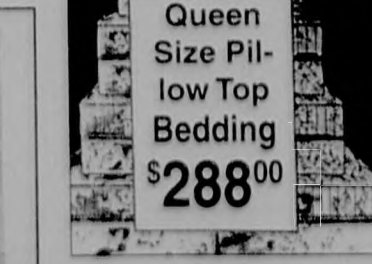
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Coffee County Arts Alliance to present Wood and Strings

The Coffee County Arts Alliance will present Wood and Strings, a double feature in puppetry. "An Irish Tale," "Out of the Mist... A Dragon," Friday, October 27, and Saturday, October 28, at 7:30 at the Enterprise High School Auditorium.

Welding course to be offered at MacArthur Tech

The Workforce Development and Continuing Education Program at Douglas MacArthur State Technical College will be offering a 50 contact hour course in Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) which many people recognize as the MIG process.

The college has received numerous requests for a non-credit course dealing with this welding process. The course is designed to prepare a person with entry-level skills for employment in the manufacturing industry. Upon completion of the 50-hour course, each participant will have the opportunity to qualify in the 1G position for the American Welding Society's AWS D1.1 Certification. Students with experience in stick welding will also be afforded an introductory training opportunity in pipe welding and fitting.

The course is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Oct. 11, at 6 p.m. Participants are encouraged to register by Monday, Oct. 9. The cost of the course is \$100 per participant. For additional information or registration contact Cindy Clark at 493-3573, ext. 244.



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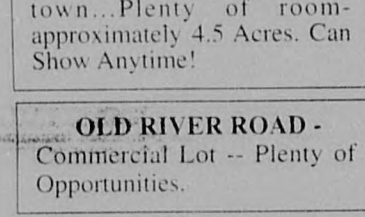
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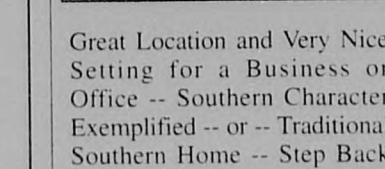
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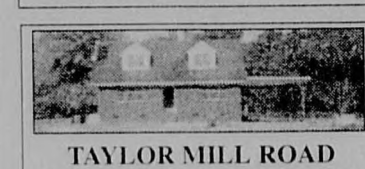
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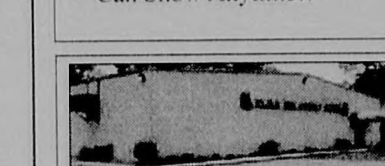
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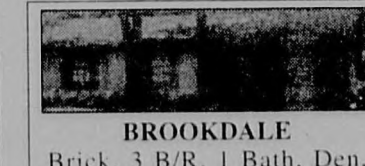
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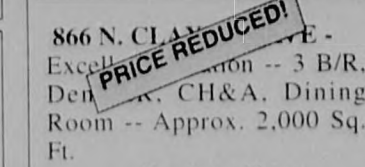
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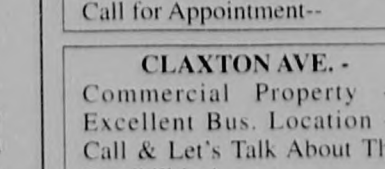
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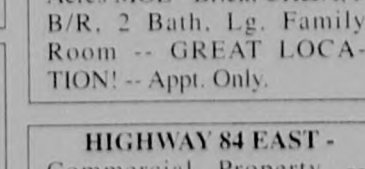
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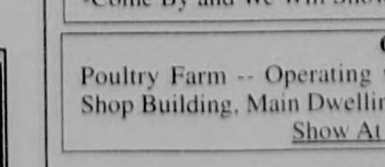
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Community News

Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual banquet



BUSINESS OF THE YEAR...Elba Mayor James Grimes (left) is captured above with Everett Kelley, president of Kelley Foods of Alabama. Kelley Foods was the recipient of the Business of the Year Award last Thursday night at the Elba Chamber of Commerce's Annual Banquet. As Mayor Grimes presented the award to Kelley Foods, he referred to the business as a real success story for the City of Elba.



AWARD WINNERS...Several awards were presented to chamber volunteers and businesses at the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce Banquet which was held last Thursday evening. Sept. 28. Award recipients included (from left to right): Linda Hodges - Ambassador of the Year; Jimmy Harrison - Take Charge Award; Dawn Austin - Spirit of Elba Award; and Doris Matthews - representing The People's Bank of Coffee County which was honored with the Chamber Member of the Year Award. Jerry Kelley, who was the recipient of the Behind the Scenes Award was not able to attend the banquet.



LARGE CROWD...This is only a portion of the large crowd which was on hand for the annual chamber banquet last Thursday evening. The crowd was evidence of the good things that are going on with the chamber as it continues to grow. Currently, the chamber has a record 131 members and conducted 13 ribbon cutting ceremonies for new businesses throughout the past year.



GOOD FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP...Those attending the chamber banquet were treated to a delicious meal before the awards were presented. Also following the meal, the crowd watched a video highlighting three businesses in Elba. Those businesses were Denise's Hair and Nail Salon, The National Security Group, Inc. and Moseley's Studio. "Spotlight on Business" was the theme for this year's banquet, and these businesses were prime examples of what makes the Elba Chamber of Commerce successful.

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eight stray dogs and transported them to the pound in Elba. The next regular monthly meeting of the town council will be held on Monday, November 6, at 7 p.m. in the council chamber located in New Brockton Town Hall.

Other matters acted on by the council consisted of the following:

- Designated The Peoples Bank as the temporary depository for town funds.

- Approved payment of monthly bills totaling \$17,690.36.
- Approved the employment of part-time help for the city clerk (Helen Burrows - a maximum of 20 hours per week at minimum wage as long as funds are available).

- Set truck or treat hours 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on October 31 (Halloween) for children 12 years old and younger - accompanied by an adult.
- Approved sending out bid requests for providing insurance for the town.

- Voted to advertise for bids on the garbage collection contract for the town.

Gave approval for Tony Bloodsworth to attend an animal control training seminar in Auburn.

Elba Council hold organizational meeting

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Authorized to sign city checks are Mayor Grimes, City Clerk Morrow and Culver. Two signatures are required on all city checks. Both local banks were again named as city depositories.

Barr, Brunson, Wilkerson and Bowden, P.C. was again selected to serve as auditors for all city accounts. Grimes said they were a good company and easy to work with.

Council meetings will begin at 5:30 p.m., rather than the previous 6:00 p.m. starting time.

On a split 3-2 vote the council members decided to make the dress code for all elected officials at council meetings coats and ties. The motion by Councilman Hammond was supported by Council members Harold Spicer and Junior Claver. Councilman David Banstra and Mayor James Grimes voted against the motion while Councilman L. M. Burch abstained, saying it didn't matter to him either way.

Police Chief Whitworth presented each council member with a copy of the police department's printed standard operating procedure for review.

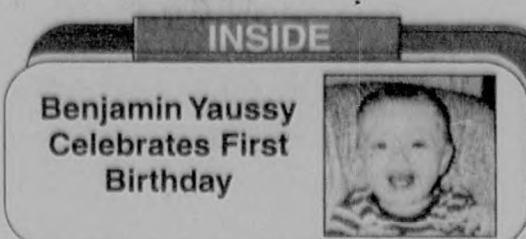
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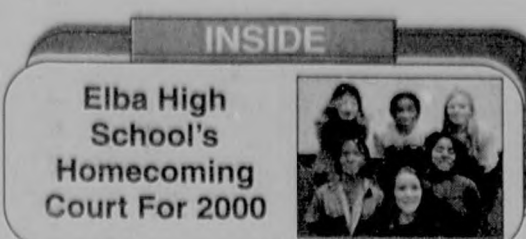
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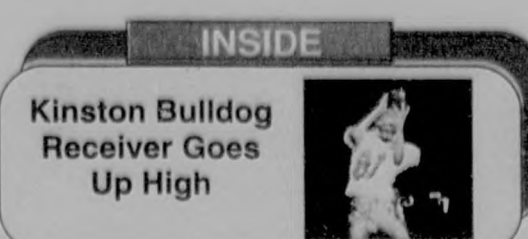
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Deputies ask commission for pay raise

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Commission's regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting Monday resembled a law enforcement officials' seminar. Most of, if not all of, Coffee County's Sheriff's deputies were in attendance seeking a pay increase.

Addressing the commission on behalf of the deputies was Chief Deputy Myron Williams. He asked that the commission make good their promise of a graduated pay increase that was allegedly agreed to by members of the commission in 1998.

Williams prefaced his remarks by stating that, "In 1997, the Alabama State Legislature had a deputies pay bill introduced... it was opposed by the Association of County Commissioners and Republican Legislators because they felt that it was an unfunded mandate upon the citizens of each county." This included Coffee County's legislative delegation at the time - State Senator Dwight Adams and Representative Garret Moore. The bill failed to pass.

According to Williams, Rep. Moore agreed to meet with the sheriff's department and discuss a workable solution that would be fair to the deputies as well as economically feasible to the citizens of this county. Reportedly, he agreed to approach the commissioners on a one-to-one basis and later in a working session. Moore then later spoke with Sheriff Ben Moates who later had a meeting with all the deputies and told them of a compromise agreement that had been entered on their behalf.

The agreement, according to Williams, called for a minimum deputy's pay to increase to a base of \$12 per hour or \$24,960 annually. The pay increase was set to be phased in over a four-year time period, with each deputy receiving a \$1 per hour increase over this time period.

"In the 1999 fiscal year budget,

all of the deputies received the agreed upon \$1 per hour increase," said Williams. "This was also given to the staff of the county jail even though they were not part of the original agreement with Rep. Moore. I was a part of the budget hearings with Sheriff Moates and Jail Administrator Zack Ennis, where each commissioner stated that the pay for the entire staff needed to be increased to avoid losing quality employees."

No record of this agreement can be produced by either of the parties involved - the deputies or the commission. All of the commissioners present in Monday's meeting (Commissioner Linda Westbrook) on (Oct. 10) stated that they have no recollection of such an agreement with them and Representative Moore. Allegedly, all of the discussion and agreeing occurred in a "work session" of the commission and no recordings or minutes are kept of those meetings.

"There is nothing for these deputies to rely on accept their word, the word of the sheriff and Rep. Moore," said Williams. "Therefore, we come to you today and ask that you keep your word - this is on the record in front of various news media and the people of this county. These deputies deserve to be treated fairly by the representatives of the people of this county. Each day, they risk their lives in service for them."

The chief deputy told commissioners that he, as well as other deputies, has to take second jobs in order to supplement their income.

According to Williams, the starting pay for a deputy in 1998 was \$7.88 per hour. In 1999, the \$1 increase raised it to \$8.88. In 2000, a \$2 per hour increase raised it to \$9.23 per hour. The pay increase in the 2001 budget increased it to \$9.34 per hour. This is \$2.66 shy of the \$12 deputies were allegedly led to believe they would receive.

In conclusion, Chief Deputy Williams asked the members of the commission to consider their

request "to compensate each deputy here the full amount that was agreed upon by Rep. Moore and Sheriff Moates. Deputies deserve no less commitment from the representatives of the people of this county as they are required to give in service for the people they are sworn to protect."

After several minutes of discussion between Williams and commissioners, the pay raise seem to be a dead issue; however, later in the meeting, Commissioner Tom Grimley proposed a work session with the sheriff and his deputies - if they so desire to attend - to see if a workable solution to deputies' pay can be worked out. The session is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 18.

Ann Gentry appeared before the commission to discuss garbage pick-up at Endale Estates. There seems to be some question as to whether the trailer park was considered residential or business.

She told commissioners that she had signed a contract with Waste Management at a monthly savings of \$115 per month below MDI's charge. MDI has told her that she can not break the contract with them since they have the contract to collect the county's residential garbage.

After several minutes of discussion, the county's attorney, Joe Cassidy, told Mrs. Gentry that Endale Estates was considered residential and would fall under the county's contract with MDI. It was suggested that each resident of the trailer park be billed for garbage collection. At the present, the management of the park is responsible for the payment.

In other matters, the commission took the following actions:

- Approved credit to Skinner Grain & Fertilizer for the use of the county's landfill.
- Agreed to turn over the car previously used by the juvenile probation officers to the sheriff's department. JPO can no longer transport juveniles to detention centers.
- Gave approval for the highway department to "boom cut" Byrd Mill Creek Road for the Town of New Brockton. It will require two days.
- Appointed Haywood Meeks to fill the unexpired term of Roland Day on the Coffee County Water

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County BOE recognizes gifted students during recent meeting

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education meeting in regular session last Thursday evening and gave special recognition to three county middle school students.

The three students recognized were participants in the Duke University Talent Identification Program. They were: Brett Parrish and David Anderson, both eighth graders at New Brockton Middle School; and Levi Brown, a Zion Chapel Middle School eighth grader. All three students, who were seventh graders at the time, qualified to take the ACT exam last year. In order to do this, they had to be in the 95th percentile or better on the Stanford Achievement Test (SAT) in language, reading or math. These students did so well on their scores, they were recognized at the state level. Duke University will continue to track these students throughout their education process.

Kathy Sawyer, who is the gifted education teacher in the Coffee County School System, commented that 42 county students are eligible to participate in the program this year. It is not known at this time how many students will actually take the ACT this year.

Board members received an update on the on-going construction projects at Kinston and New Brockton high schools. David Langford, a representative from the county's architectural consultants, reported that work should begin in the classrooms within the next one to two weeks. Demolition work is scheduled at both sites this week since school is out.

Dr. Linda Ingram gave board members a brief overview of the

requests that had been received from the different community agencies for 20 percent of the state allocated at-risk funds to the local system. The amount available is \$16,131 which is 20 percent of \$80,655. She noted that the county had received requests for these funds totaling more than \$64,000.

The goals of the Coffee County At-Risk Plan are: to improve discipline so that schools will have a safe, secure environment but at the same time, decrease the rates of suspensions and expulsions; to provide remedial and makeup work to increase student achievement; and to provide health services to help at-risk students combat problems.

The local agencies selected to receive allocations were: the Coffee County Extension Service - mentoring, tutoring, counseling, truancy and youth leadership; Coffee County Family Services Center - pregnancy prevention and child dental services; and Coffee County Sheriff's Department - truancy and expansion of D.A.R.E. program.

John Osburn, a certified leadership consultant, gave members of the board a brief outline as to what will take place during the evaluation of the superintendent as required by the State Board of Education.

He stated that during the next several months he will be "gathering data" on the superintendent's performance of his duties, as well as conducting an interview with Bowden. Board members, as well as principals and members of the central office staff, will be asked to fill out anonymous assessments of

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CLOSE CALL...A Coffee County lady and her grandson had a close call Monday afternoon when the vehicle they were in overturned. Shortly after 1:30 p.m., Elba police dispatchers received a call that a car had overturned on Co. Rd. 105 near the Roton Community in the northeast portion of Coffee County. Emergency personnel - Five Star Volunteer Fire Department first Responders and Coffee County EMS - along with sheriff's deputies and state troopers - were also dispatched to the scene. According to reports, an older model Oldsmobile Cutlass Sedan driven by Mrs. Bessie Ann Davis, 48, was traveling north on Co. Rd. 105 when it left the roadway striking the end of a culvert and overturning. Her grandson, Daniel Cory Barr, 10, was able to exit the overturned vehicle; however, Mrs. Davis had to be extricated from the vehicle using the jaws of life. Both Mrs. Davis and her grandson were transported to Edge Regional Hospital in Troy by Coffee County EMS. Their injuries were not believed to be life-threatening. Alabama State Trooper Jerry Allen investigated the accident. He was assisted by Coffee County Sheriff's Deputies.

Elba youth dies in vehicle-bicycle collision

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

A five-year-old Elba boy died as a result of injuries received after being struck by a vehicle. Killed was Sedon Edwards of 1855 Hickman Avenue, Lot 14C (Little Beaver Trailer Park). Elba.

On Friday afternoon at approximately 6:44 p.m., Elba police officers responded to a report of a traffic accident on Hickman Avenue (U. S. Hwy. 84 West) near Cook

Ford. According to Investigator Johnny P. Senn, upon their arrival, officers discovered that the accident involved a child riding a bicycle and a pick-up truck.

Coffee County EMS was called to the scene immediately and transported the child to Elba General Hospital where he was pronounced dead. Edwards' body was taken to the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences in Montgomery where an autopsy was to be performed to

determine the cause of death.

According to police reports, the driver of the 1992 GMC pick-up truck was Gregory Lamar Stokes, 37, of Elba. No charges have been filed in the incident.

The accident remains under investigation by the Elba Police Department assisted by the 12th Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office and Coffee County Coroner Marvin McLwain.

City Council conducts lots of business

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council printed agenda appeared to indicate a nothing meeting Monday evening but when the group adjourned, a lot of city business had been transacted. The first vote was approval of a recommendation from Mayor James Grimes to authorize the borrowing of up to \$150,000 to pay for the completion of the industrial spec building under construction in the Industrial Park. Grimes noted that half the cost will be funded with a

no interest loan from Alabama Electric Co-op, but their money will only come once the facility is completed. At present The Water and Electric Board has put a previously agreed upon \$75,000 in the project; the City of Elba has spent \$19,110 plus \$13,500 of the engineering cost. The total cost of the facility is about \$302,000 plus \$27,000 of engineering fees.

City Clerk Donnie Morrow gave council members a status report on on-going city projects including the sewer renovation, drainage upgrade and flood property buyout. He also requested approval to purchase two pieces of equipment including a Borer.

Rammer to drill under paved streets and a replacement Jet Washer, used to clean out sewer lines.

The Borer/Rammer will cost \$17,640.33. It was advertised and only one bidder responded.

The Jet Washer will cost \$27,769.00 and was the lowest of two bids received.

Both items will be purchased "upon availability of funds from USDA." The money is part of the multi-million dollar sewer renovation project. The estimated cost of the project was higher than actual

cost and since the loan portion of the funds were used first by USDA guidelines), the grant money is being used to purchase needed equipment, rather than turning it back to USDA.

Monthly bills totaling \$27,515.94 were approved for payment. They included Vehicle and Equipment repair \$3,279.38; Chemicals \$2,988.20; Pipe \$898.75; Concessions \$572.44; Annual fire inspection on various buildings \$645.63; Recreation football equipment \$1,120.51; Dues to SEALA Regional Planning and Development \$619.20 and Municipal Election Supplies \$5,740.11.

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told the council about all supervisors have completed a drug schools and all officers have completed their continuing education units for the year.

He also said that from now on Elba police officers will have to begin escorting juvenile offenders to court, as the state juvenile officers were no longer doing this.

Whitworth also told the council that it would cost \$3,680 each to place video cameras in all police cars.

EPD officers and dispatchers receive letter of appreciation from citizen

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Complaints of poor police and/or 911 response are not uncommon. However exactly the opposite was true in a recent letter sent to the Elba Police Department by two Elba residents who are thankful for the professional help received by their mother. The letter was sent to the police department, and not to the newspaper, therefore their names are being withheld. Portions of the letter read as follows:

"I wish to thank you for the prompt, efficient, and professional way in which you handled my mother's 911 call. The calm and kind manner of the dispatcher handling the call kept my mother calm and gave her a sense of safety. The officers' response was prompt and visual so that mama knew that she was not alone.

There have only been a few occasions when I felt the need to call on you but when I have I have never gotten anything other than respect and assistance from the dispatchers and officers. You never act as though my request is a waste of your time or make me feel as though the perceived problem is silly or unimportant.

For the reasons mentioned here I wish to sincerely thank the officers and dispatchers on each shift of the Elba Police Department."

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